Dear Parent / Carer,

I am pleased to let you know that we are able to offer the Duke of Edinburgh’s (DofE) Bronze award to students in years 9, 10 and 12. The DofE is a great chance for your child to broaden their horizons, discover new interests and talents, have fun with friends, develop essential skills for their future and achieve an internationally renowned Award.

**About the Duke of Edinburgh**

The DofE is non-competitive and open to all young people – it's about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries. There are three levels within the DofE programme which, when successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

Through their DofE, students will make friends and memories and develop traits like confidence, resilience and self-esteem, which can benefit mental health. They’ll gain skills and attributes for work and life, like problem-solving, team-working and self-motivation – and they’ll achieve an Award that’s recognised by top employers and can help them stand out when applying for University or jobs.

To achieve their award, participants must complete four sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical and their Expedition. Every young person’s DofE programme is personal to them – they can choose what they’d like to do for their Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections, and most activities can count. We will provide guidance and support, and students can either choose to continue an activity they already do or discover something completely new. Activity ideas can be found using the following link - <https://www.dofe.org/do/ideas/>

Activities for each section take a minimum of one hour a week over a set period of time, so they can fit around studying, hobbies and social lives. For more details about programmes and timescales please visit DofE.org/do

**About the expedition**

The Expedition section involves your child working as part of a small team to plan their expedition’s aim and do some training to make sure they are fully prepared – before spending two days and one nights in the countryside. Training and practice expeditions will be included.

**Registering interest and virtual information evening**

To register your child’s interest in the award, please complete the form below. We will be hosting a virtual information evening for parents on Tuesday 2nd November at 17.30. When registering your child’s interest for the award you will be able to sign up for the virtual information evening to which instructions on how to join will be shared closer to the time of the event.

<https://forms.gle/bXpx5eonLzL3Qq7e7>

Kind Regards,

Jordan Marshall

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