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Dear Parent/Carer

I'm pleased to let you know that we will be offering the Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) 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 (Y9), Silver (Y10) or Gold (6th form) Award.

Through their DofE, students will make friends and memories and develop traits like confidence, resilience and self-esteem, which can benefit their mental fortitude throughout their lives and careers. They will 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 <https://www.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. For the Bronze award they will be spending two days and one night in the countryside. For Silver, this will be three days and two nights. For Gold this will be 4 days and 3 nights. Training and practice expeditions will be included.

Registering interest and information evening

To register your child's interest in the award, please complete the form below. We will be hosting an information evening for parents on Tuesday 28th November at 17.00.



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If you are interested in your child taking part in this year's DofE then please complete the Google Form attached below. By filling out this form you are not committing to DofE, this is merely to record interest and the potential booking of places. If you have any questions then please come to information evening and we will answer any questions you may have.

If you do have any questions in the meantime then please feel free to email me using the below email.

<https://forms.gle/4TX7bgmBRodeGAr19>

Yours sincerely

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