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Dear Parent/Carer,

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

An exciting new opportunity has arisen for our students in Year 9 to take part in The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award (DofE), the world's leading achievement award for young people.

We decided to introduce the Duke of Edinburgh's award because we believe that a DofE experience provides an additional dimension to our existing educational provision, which will have a profound impact on participants by providing them with the chance to develop skills for work and life, fulfil their potential and have a brighter future.

The fact that most employers now place significant value on the DofE award is reason enough for introducing it, but the benefits are far greater than giving our students 'the edge' when being interviewed for work or college places.

There are four sections to the DofE award which together aim to develop more rounded and compassionate adults, self confidence, new talents and abilities, greater self awareness, a sense of identity, respect and understanding of people from different backgrounds, cultures and walks of life, a sense of responsibility, team player skills and independence of thought and action. In addition, the DofE aims to develop stronger community links through the Volunteering Section.

The four sections are:

- Volunteering – undertaking service to individuals or the community – undertaking service to individuals or the community
- Physical – improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities
- Skills – developing practical and social skills and personal interests
- Expedition – planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey.

For each section, the student chooses an activity, sets goals – what they want to do/achieve, that must be measurable by an assessor, and an individual challenge. This is an individual journey for each and every student, one they will remember for life.

Once chosen, the student then has to carry out the activity for a minimum of one hour per week over the designated period of time – three or six months.

The cost of undertaking training for Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award is £50, £24 of which is the registration fee for the DofE online website (eDofE), which must be paid by 17th December 2021. The remaining funds will contribute to the costs of the campsite and transport fees for the Expedition. The remaining £26 will be requested by a later date, once we have more information regarding the COVID-19 restrictions. (Students will not be registered until they have paid the registration fee.)

Please ensure you have talked through the level of time commitment required for this award with your child. It is not an award to be undertaken lightly. They must attend a weekly one hour training session.

In order for your child to take part, please return the consent form below and pay the registration fee of £24 on parent pay by the deadline of 17/12/2021.

Yours sincerely,

S. Coughlan

Faculty Director PE, Health & Well-being
Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager

Name of son / daughter _____ **Tutor group**

- I confirm that my son/daughter has permission to undertake the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and enclose the relevant consent forms
- I acknowledge that if my child is successful I have to confirm their place by paying the sum of **£50** to cover the costs of registering with the D of E and for the cost of the expeditions
- I confirm that my child understands that they need to complete at least two of the Skills, Physical and Volunteering sections of the award prior to the expeditions.
- I confirm that my child is aware that they must attend the training sessions each week.
- I confirm that my child is aware that they regularly need to check eDofE
- I confirm that my child is available to attend the expedition which will take place in Autumn of Year 10.

Childs Date of Birth: _____

Email address (required to set up the online eDofE account) _____

Signed _____ Date _____