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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **RE: Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Recruitment**

I am delighted to announce that we are launching our second round of recruitment for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) for students currently in Year 9.

#### **Why do DofE?**

Doing DofE is a brilliant way for your young person to discover just how much they are capable of. It gives young people the chance to make new friends, follow their passions, learn new skills and make a difference in our community. Gaining a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too. It is a non-competitive and a powerful way for every young person to build belief in themselves, whatever their background, interests and abilities.

#### **How does it work?**

To achieve the award, your child will need to complete four sections – Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the Expedition. Students can choose what they would like to do for the first three sections, and we will provide all of the guidance and support they need.

Participants need to spend at least **1 hour a week** on each section (Volunteering, Physical and Skills) for **3 months and 6 months for 1 of the sections** of their choice.

The Expedition involves spending **two days and one night in the countryside**, including camping and hiking. We will make sure that everyone is fully prepared for it with training sessions and a practise expedition weekend.

Dates for the expeditions will be confirmed in September. These will likely be the first weekend of the easter holiday 12-13 April 2025 and the 28-29 June 2025.

#### **How do I sign up?**

We hope as many of our students as possible will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE.

The cost is £28.00 per person as an enrolment fee onto the scheme. There is also an approximate cost for the expedition section of about £150.

Sign up to join DofE Bronze before **Friday 18 October** via the [MS forms link](#).



Once you have signed up, you will then be invited to make the £28.00 participation fee via **Arbor by Friday 1 November** to enrol onto the course and to receive the bronze welcome pack.

An initial introductory meeting for the participants will take place on Wednesday 9 October, from 3.10 pm until 4.00 pm in room B09.

### **Do you want more information?**

Full information can be found on our website

<https://www.hartschool.org.uk/page/?title=Duke+of+Edinburgh&pid=61>

Please check this before signing up. The DofE website – [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org) - has a lot of useful information too.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me via email:

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Yours sincerely,

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