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Dear Parents and Carers,

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 provisionally be the first May bank holiday Saturday 1st to Sunday 2nd May 2027 and the start of the May half term Saturday 29th to Sunday 30th May.

How do I sign up?

We hope as many of our students as possible will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. Each year the number of our students successfully finishing the award and moving on to the Silver award is growing.

The cost is £33.00 per person as an enrolment fee onto the scheme. There is also an approximate cost for the expedition section of about £160.



Sign up to join DofE Bronze before **Sunday 20th September** via the following form [The Hart School - Bronze DofE Enrolment Form 2026/2027 – Fill out form](#). You do not need to do this if you have already completed the form.

Once you have signed up, you will then be invited to make the £33 participation fee that goes to the D of E organisation via **Arbor by Sunday 27th September 2027**. This will enrol your child onto the course, and you will also receive a bronze welcome pack from the organisation with useful information and advice.

An initial introductory meeting for the participants will take place on Monday 5th October, from 3.10 pm until 4 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 - 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,

Mr J Dickson

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Manager.