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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – 2020/21**

This November, I am pleased to inform you that we are launching the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award for all students in Year 9.

To achieve the award, students must complete a personal programme of activities in four sections; volunteering, physical, skills and an expedition. The award is designed to enable young people to help others in the community, get fitter, develop skills and go on an expedition. The award is internationally recognised and is looked at favourably by employers, colleges and universities.

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold a launch evening this year, so I have attached the relevant information to this letter via a PowerPoint and a Key Information Word document. If you cannot access the PowerPoint, please let the school know and we will issue your son/daughter a hard copy of all the key information.

As a school we deliver the expedition section of the award and support students with the other sections. However, it will be the student's responsibility to organise and complete the other three sections on their own.

The cost of the course is £130, payable in 4 instalments. The fee will cover logbooks, maps, expedition training and final expedition, instruction, equipment and insurance. Please be aware that some equipment and all food and campsite fees, will also need to be paid for by the participants. More information about the cost is on the PowerPoint.

All sessions are compulsory as they form an essential part of the expedition training and our health and safety risk assessments. Due to the uncertainty of Covid-19, we are unable to give out specific dates for the moment, however they will all hopefully take place during the late spring and summer term. Should the expedition be unable to go ahead during the summer of 2021, there is still the chance to pass the award by receiving the Certificate of Achievement. More information can be found on the PowerPoint again.

There is a substantial time commitment to the award therefore, if unsure, we advise that you consider your son/daughter's priorities and seek guidance from their Form Tutors, myself or Mrs. Kay. There is also an expectation for you to support your son/daughter during the award and communicate with school as and when required.

As a school we have run DofE successfully for many years now. It is an award which encourages independence, confidence, resilience and teamwork. We welcome all applications for this award as it is such a valuable course to complete. If your son/daughter would like to take part in the scheme and you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. For additional information please visit <http://dofe.org/>.

If your son/daughter would like to participate in this exciting programme, please [click here](#) to fill in the enrolment and consent form.

Yours faithfully  
Mr Couldwell,  
DofE Manager