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Dear Families

Thank you for your continued interest in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for your child. We are delighted to officially launch the Bronze level and want to provide you with essential key dates and payment details.

## How the Bronze DofE Award Works

The DofE Award offers three progressive levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. To achieve the Bronze Award, your child will complete four engaging sections:

- Volunteering: Making a positive contribution to the community.
- Physical: Becoming more active through sports, dance, or fitness.
- Skills: Cultivating a new talent or enhancing an existing one.
- Expedition: A challenging yet rewarding two-day and one-night journey in the countryside, fostering teamwork and resilience.

For the volunteering, physical, and skills sections, students can select activities that genuinely inspire them, and we will provide comprehensive guidance and support throughout their chosen paths. We are also committed to ensuring all participants are well-prepared and fully supported for the expedition.

## Key Dates for Your Diary

- Year 9 (moving to Year 10): Training Expedition - Thursday 2 October 2025
- Year 10 (moving to Year 11): Training Expedition - Friday 3 October 2025
- Year 9 (moving to Year 10): Qualifying Expedition – Saturday 4 October 2025 - Sunday 5 October 2025
- Year 10 (moving to Year 11): Qualifying Expedition – Saturday 11 – Sunday 12 October 2025
- DofE After School Club: Tuesdays 3.00pm – 4.00pm (term time only)

## Next Steps and Costs

We strongly encourage your child to seize this incredible opportunity. The cost to participate in the Bronze DofE Award is £200 per person. This fee primarily covers:

- Official DofE Registration: Necessary for participation in the program.
- Essential Resource Materials: Including guides and handbooks to support participants.
- Comprehensive Training and Support: Provided by our staff and our external partner, Trekco, to ensure participants are well-prepared.
- Group Expedition Costs: Covering campsite fees and essential group equipment.
- Award Presentation Ceremony: Recognizing your child's achievement.

To make this more manageable, we are offering a convenient payment plan, allowing you to spread the cost over the next 5 months at £40 per month from June to October, leading up to the expeditions.



Payment details can be found here: [Insert Payment Link Here].

We firmly believe that the DofE offers exceptional value for the invaluable experiences and skills your child will develop. We are also committed to ensuring the DofE is accessible to all interested students. If the cost presents a significant financial challenge, please do not hesitate to contact our finance department for support via this link: [Insert Finance Support Link]. They will be happy to discuss potential options.

If you have any questions before then, please feel free to contact me directly. The official DofE website – <http://www.dofe.org> – also provides a wealth of useful information.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping your child cultivate essential life skills and reach their full potential. We are confident that the DofE will empower them to feel truly ready for any future challenges and opportunities.

Yours sincerely

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