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Dear parents and carers,

I'm delighted to let you know that we are launching recruitment for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE).

Following recent assemblies with students in Years 9 and 10, we have had a high level of interest in the programme. As a result, we are opening sign-up **for a final time** to allow students who were unable to sign up previously another opportunity to take part.

Please note that **students who have already signed up do not need to sign up again**, as we already have their details on record.

Sign-up will close on Monday 23rd February to allow us to confirm numbers and ensure all students can be registered and started on the programme promptly.

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 also a great way to impress future employers.

The programme is non-competitive and provides a powerful opportunity for every young person to build confidence and resilience, regardless of their background, interests or abilities.

How it works

There are three levels of the DofE Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. To achieve the Bronze Award, students must complete four sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the Expedition.

Students can choose their own activities for the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections, and full guidance and support will be provided throughout. The Expedition section involves spending two days and one night in the countryside. Students will be fully prepared for this through training and support from staff.

To be eligible to take part in the expedition and successfully achieve the award, Year 10 students will need to have already completed part of the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections prior to the expedition in July 2026.

Next steps

We hope many of our students will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. The cost of the programme is £90 per student, which is subsidised by the school. We are able to keep costs low as the programme is run in-house by staff. We also have a large amount of equipment available for students to borrow, including tents, sleeping bags and waterproof clothing.



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Payment can be made in instalments, with an initial payment of £20 required prior to sign-up.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Further information can also be found on the DofE website: www.dofe.org.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you'll agree that the DofE is a fantastic opportunity and a valuable experience for your child.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs S Hughes
DofE Manager