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To: Y9, Y10, Y11, Y12 parents/carers

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award Information Evening 2024/25**

I am writing to give you the opportunity to enrol your child/ward on to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (DofE) at Taverham High School for 2024/25.

**"It's what I like to describe as a do-it-yourself growing up kit" HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, 2016.**

At Taverham High School we offer the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze (Year 9), Silver (Year 10 & Year 11) and Gold (Year 12) Awards. We believe that the DofE can make a huge difference to your child's development and achieving an Award will give them skills, confidence and an edge over others when they apply for college, university or employment. Beyond their academic achievements, universities want to see evidence of so called 'soft skills' that they have developed through extra-curricular activities, such as self-discipline, communication, commitment, leadership, and teamwork. The DofE Award is a fantastic way to demonstrate and evidence these skills in practice.

It is a non-academic qualification that complements academic studies in school and is open to individuals of all abilities. The DofE program runs outside the school taught curriculum with all events/meetings during lunch, after school or at weekends and is entirely voluntary. Participants therefore need to be sure that they have adequate spare time and dedication to complete the program alongside their academic studies.

I recommend that you follow the link below and watch the latest promotional video which will give you a better insight into DofE before you attend the information evening.

#### [Welcome to DofE](#)

Students have received launch assemblies this week but, if you like the sound of everything above, I will be holding a DofE information evening **Wednesday 2 October** from 5pm to 6pm in the Main Hall. Anyone who wishes to get involved in the DofE Award scheme is advised to attend this event to learn about the awards in more detail, receive the current expedition dates and costs and ask any questions they may have.

If you require any more information, please feel free to contact me using the details below.

Yours faithfully



Ms H Reding  
DofE Manager

