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Dear Parent/Carer

I'm delighted to let you know that we have launched our recruitment for the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Awards (DofE).

### 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's also non-competitive and a powerful way for every young person to build belief in themselves, whatever their background, interests and abilities.

### How it Works

There are three levels of DofE Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. To achieve the awards, your child/ward 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 the guidance and support they need. The Expedition involves spending two days and one night (Bronze) or three days and two nights (Silver) in the countryside and, again, we'll make sure that our young people are fully prepared for it.

### Next Steps

Your child/ward has completed an expression of interest form and been selected to be involved in the award. The next step is to ensure they are registered so we can begin training after half term. The registration cost is £28 per person, which includes scheme enrolment, access to eDofE and a welcome pack. This cost does not include involvement in the expedition, as camping will be calculated separately and requested later in the year. If your child/ward is interested in taking part but the cost is prohibitive, please do speak to me as we may be able to arrange financial support. The WisePay payment deadline for registration is **Tuesday 12 November 2024**. Please note that the registration fee is non-refundable once paid.

Please also complete the online form following the link to allow us to register your child/ward with the DofE charity: [DofE scheme registration](#)

Thank you for your support – I hope you'll agree that the DofE is the perfect way for your child/ward to feel ready for anything. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. The [DofE website](#) has a lot of useful information too.

Yours faithfully



Ms H Reding  
DofE Manger

