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Dear parents and carers,

Duke of Edinburgh Award

We are very pleased to inform you that we have been made a licenced provider of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Students' wider personal development is a core part of our service to the community and we hope as many students as possible will complete the award.

The DofE award is a life-changing experience; a fun time with friends, an opportunity to discover new interests and talents, a tool to develop essential skills for life and work, a recognised mark of achievement - and is respected by employers.

There are four sections to complete at Bronze and Silver level and five at Gold. They involve helping the community/environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, planning, training for and completing an expedition, and for Gold only, working with a team on a residential activity.

Any young person can complete the DofE award – regardless of ability, gender, background or location. Achieving an award is not a competition or about being first; it's all about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries.

Through our DofE programme young people will have fun, make friends, improve their self-esteem and build confidence. They gain essential skills and attributes for work and life such as resilience, problem-solving, team-working, communication and drive; enhancing CVs and university and job applications. Top employers recognise the work-ready skills award holders bring to their business.

Students who wish to apply need to write a letter of application to myself by 29.05.21 - these are to show commitment and enthusiasm for the award. We hope to start and register students this term. Following receipt of student application letters, we will hold a parents' information event. Parents/carers pay for a participation place and are supported by Leaders in school who support students through their programmes; helping them to choose their activities, set their objectives and achieve their award.

The cost will be approximately £23.00. The expedition weekends away will also have a cost of approximately £100.00. Grants and fundraising opportunities can be used to cover this cost if required.



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It will usually take you at least 6 months to complete your Bronze programme.

Volunteering section: 3 months
Physical section: 3 months
Skills section: 3 months
Expedition section: 2 days/1 night

Students will also have to spend an extra three months on one of the Volunteering, Physical or Skills sections. They can choose which section they complete, and can change their mind later if needed.

Please encourage your young person to apply. For more information please visit <https://www.dofe.org/do/parents/>

Should you have any queries regarding participation in the event, please contact me via shenley.enquiry@e-act.org.uk.

Kind regards,

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