

October 22

Dear Parent/Carer

### **DofE Launch**

I'm delighted to let you know that we are about to launch the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). I am the DofE Manager for The Hamble School and wanted to write to let you know more about what's involved.

### **Why do DofE?**

Doing their 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. Achieving a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too. And it helps young people to see themselves differently and gain a new level of confidence. We always say that after taking on your DofE, you know that whatever life throws at you, you're ready to deal with it.

The DofE is 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 their Award, your young person will need to complete four sections – Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the Expedition.

Young people 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 in the countryside. We provide comprehensive training beforehand to ensure everyone is fully prepared and has the best possible experience.

### **Next steps**

We hope lots of our young people will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. The cost is £80 per person. If your child is interested in taking part but the cost is prohibitive, please do speak to me as we may be able to arrange financial support.

**We have planned an information event for parents, carers and young people on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm in the Hall.** If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me.

The DofE website [dofe.org](http://dofe.org) - has a lot of useful information too.

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Thank you for your support. I hope you'll agree that the DofE is the perfect way for your young person to feel ready for any challenge.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Hoey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miss S Hoey  
DofE Manager

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*If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.*