

Dear Parent/ Carer

### **DofE Launch**

I am delighted to inform you know that we are about to launch the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) for Year 10 students.

#### **What is DofE?**

Founded in 1956 DofE is recognised as the world's leading youth achievement award. It is a challenging programme of activities designed to encourage young people to learn new skills, help others and experience outdoor adventures.

#### **Why do DofE?**

Doing DofE is a brilliant way for young people to discover just how much they are capable of. It gives them 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. It also helps young people to see themselves differently and gain a new level of confidence. We always say that after taking on DofE, you know that whatever life throws at you, you will be 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.

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## Next steps

We hope lots of our young people will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. The likely cost is £80 per person (however, depending on the number of students who sign up, this may be lower). 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 Thursday 30 November at 6pm in the Hall.** If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact Miss Hoey via [general@thehambleschool.co.uk](mailto:general@thehambleschool.co.uk)

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

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

Yours faithfully



Miss S Hoey  
DofE Manager

*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.*