

Wednesday 8 October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Duke of Edinburgh Award Launch Evening

Further to my notice in the Weekly Message, I am delighted to inform you that we are about to launch the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). I am writing to provide you with more information and remind you about the Parent Event next week.

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. Achieving a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers 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 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. We will be launching the DofE Bronze Award.

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 likely cost is £110 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.

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We have planned an information event for Parents/ Carers and young people on Wednesday 15 October 2025 5:30pm – 6.00pm in the Main Hall. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me. The DofE website www.dofe.org - has a lot of useful information too.

If you are able to attend the launch Parents' Evening, please complete the form below (if you have already filled this out from the Weekly Message, there is no need to complete this again):

<https://forms.office.com/e/E6Ac7qXtYa>

Yours faithfully



Mr A Bradshaw

Duke of Edinburgh 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.