



Dear parent/carer,

I'm delighted to let you know that we are about to launch our recruitment for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (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 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 nights in the countryside, and again we'll make sure that our young people are fully prepared for it.

## **Next steps**

We hope many of our students will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. The total cost is £190 per person. An initial instalment of £70 is due by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October with the final payment of £120 due Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. 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. Upon making the first payment, please could you also complete the form linked <a href="here">here</a> with your child's details and your permission for them to participate.

Students will be shown a video and given information during assembly this week. 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.

I'm the DofE Manager for Little Heath School, so if you think you might be interested or have any questions, do get in touch. It would be great to get a big group of students together to make the most of this opportunity.

Thank you for your support. I hope you'll agree that the DofE is the perfect way for your child to feel ready for anything.

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