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Launch of the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award for Year 9 and Year 10

Dear parent/carer,

We are excited to announce the launch of the Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Bronze Award for both Year 9 and Year 10 students this year. This expansion supports our move towards a 3-year DofE program, allowing students more time to develop their skills as well as being able to access the bronze, silver and gold award whilst at school.

Why do DofE?

The Duke of Edinburgh award is acknowledged globally, by employers and universities. Doing their DofE is a brilliant way for your child 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 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 which will be completed independently, and we will provide all the guidance and support they need. The Expedition involves spending two days and one night in the outdoors which we as a school provide. 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 £100 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.

Key details:

- Open to Year 9 and Year 10 students this year as part of our new 3-year model.
- Only 25 places available per year group, so early interest is important.
- If your child is interested in participating, please complete the attached Microsoft Forms link to register their interest: <https://forms.office.com/e/zTfiwESixW>
- Following registration, we will invite you to attend the Parent Information Evening on Thursday 6th November 2025 which you **must** attend, where full information about the program will be provided as well as enrolment forms being handed out. If you can't attend please let me know.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me via phone or email: sean.wilson@hccmac.co.uk. The DofE website dofe.org - has a lot of useful information too.

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

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Wilson

Ms E O'Connor

Headteacher

PE Teacher

Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

