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Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Option

From the academic year 2026-2027, we are delighted to offer the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze award. The programme will be accessible during our Stretch curriculum and taught once a week over the course of Year 9.

The Bronze Award is a nationally recognised programme that encourages young people to develop new skills, build confidence, demonstrate resilience and make a positive contribution to their communities. Participation in the award provides valuable experiences that support personal development and future educational and employment opportunities by strengthening CV's and personal statements.

A key expectation of the Duke of Edinburgh Award is that participants can work independently and take responsibility for their own progress. Students will be responsible for planning, recording and evidencing their activities throughout the programme. Whilst support and guidance will be provided by staff, students must be committed to meeting deadlines, attending scheduled sessions and maintaining regular progress within each section of the award. The programme rewards initiative, perseverance and self-motivation, making it an excellent opportunity for personal growth.

The Bronze Award consists of four sections. Students must complete a Volunteering section, where they give their time to help others or support a community organisation; a Physical section, involving regular participation in a sport or physical activity; and a Skills section, where they develop an existing interest or learn something new. In addition, students will undertake an Expedition, working as part of a team to plan, train for and complete a challenging outdoor journey. Together, these sections allow participants to develop a broad range of skills and experiences.

To register interest in a place on the programme, please complete the Microsoft Forms sign-up form and **submit the £33.00 enrolment fee** through ParentPay. Due to staffing capacity and timetabling commitments, we have limited places available on this year's course. Places will only be guaranteed upon receipt of both the completed expression of interest and payment.

If you require support with paying the £33.00 enrolment fee and meet specific eligibility criteria, please contact Mr Hutton directly to discuss the support that may be available.

We look forward to welcoming students onto the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and supporting them through this exciting challenge.

Sign up: [Duke of Edinburgh Award- Expression of Interest – Fill out form](#)

Yours faithfully,
Mr D Hutton
Vice Principal