

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child has been part of an information talk today, 7<sup>th</sup> October, inviting them to take part in their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award at De Lacy Academy this academic year.



### **What is the DofE Award?**

There are three levels of DofE Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. Your child is being invited to complete their Bronze Award this academic year.

To achieve the 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, and we will provide all the guidance and support they need. The Expedition involves spending two days and one night in the countryside, and again we'll make sure that our young people are fully prepared for it.

The Expedition will be fully funded by school so your child will be able to take part in this regardless of financial situation.

### **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.

### **Next steps**

We hope that as many of our young people will take this opportunity to get involved in the DofE this year. The cost to be signed up and receive their welcome pack is £24 per person. Parents and Guardians are asked to pay this on mychildatschool on or before **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. We would love every young person to be given the opportunity to participate so if the cost is an issue please speak to myself, or ask your child to, and we may be able to arrange financial support.

### **What will the award entail?**

Your child will need to attend a number of compulsory sessions throughout the academic year, some during school time and some outside. The dates for these are overleaf and include a date for a practice expedition and provisional dates for a qualifying expedition in July. Missing sessions may result in not being able to attend the Expedition.

These sessions will provide them with the training required to complete their Expedition safely, alongside their eDofE sections and will enable them to achieve their full Bronze Award at the end of this year.

If you or your child have any questions, please feel free to contact me. 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'll agree that the DofE is the perfect way for your child to feel ready for anything.

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## Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	2:30-3:15	eDofE session
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	1:30-2:30	eDofE session Friday P5
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	2:30-3:15	Expedition training
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	2:30-3:15	Expedition training
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	2:30-3:15	Expedition training
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	2:30-3:15	Expedition training
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	8:25 – 2:30	Expedition practical training day during school
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	13:00 – 20:00 (exact time tbc)	Practice expedition
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	2:30-3:15	Expedition training
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	2:30-3:15	Expedition training
Thursday and Friday 13-14 July	Overnight expedition	Qualifying expedition. Dates and times tbc by the end of January.