



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Yesterday afternoon we introduced the 4th Form to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and launched the Bronze Award for this year.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is the world's leading achievement Award for young people and brings together a range of activities which encourage young people to live life as an adventure and to try something new.

The Bronze Award encompasses four sections comprising a Physical Activity, Volunteering, a Skill and an Expedition.

The Skill, Volunteering and Physical Activity need to be carried out for 1 hour per week for 3 – 6 months. Many participants use the Award to discover new activities. However, many busy participants find that they are already doing things that they can use for their Physical Activity and their Skill and in some cases the Volunteering.

The Expedition comprises a training event and an assessed expedition both lasting 2 days with an overnight stay. These events will take place in the Gloucestershire countryside in the Trinity Term. The dates of these Expeditions will be confirmed in the Lent Term obviously COVID-19 restrictions allowing.

More information on the DofE can be found on here: <https://www.dofe.org/run/welcome/>

Following the assembly the 4th Form have been asked to email me by Friday 2nd October:

- Informing me that they want to do DofE
- letting me know any ideas or questions that they have for each of the sections.

There is a charge of £30 which includes the fee that we pay to DofE and a contribution towards the cost of the expeditions, all of which would go on the school bill.

If you would like your child to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, please complete the consent form here **By Friday 2nd October:**
<https://forms.gle/HUNJBDfJUxUZP6MHA>

Your child will not be registered for the Award until this consent is given.

After their consent form and email have been received all pupils will need to attend one DofE drop-in session on a Tuesday (4:15 -5:15pm) to set up their online eDofE profile.

Please do email me if you have any questions on rbeechem@deanclose.org.uk.

Many thanks,

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