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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

I have great pleasure in informing you that we will be starting up the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme at Haileybury Turnford. The scheme is to be open to all students in the Year 9. The Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) programme is always popular and there is limited space available as it is something that is highly sort after on CVs, post-16 study and University application forms.

The DofE Award requires a big commitment from students and parents alike. We therefore encourage students and parents to attend the DofE information evening on Thursday 12th December at 5.00pm in the library. This session is not compulsory for applications. It would also be pertinent for students to research the level of commitment and type of activities which are involved on the DofE Award website before the meeting.

After the information evening, students will need to complete an application form which will need to be returned to myself by 20th December. I will then review those who have applied and select the cohort.

Once students have been selected they will be informed via letter and further details will be sent out. The enrolment onto the DofE programme will be **£35.00**. This covers the DofE enrolment fee, plus additional administration costs set by County. Once students are selected and enrolled, they will be registered with the award and will be able to login to the eDofE system where all of their evidence for the scheme must be logged. It is also a great source of information and advice.

At Haileybury Turnford, we want to be as inclusive as possible, therefore, if the funding of the programme is difficult, please make me aware of this in the application letter, as there is possible support available.

All DofE programmes are driven by the following ten guiding principles, which are at the heart of everything done:

1. **Non-competitive:** A DofE programme is a personal challenge and not a competition against others. Every participant's programme is tailor-made to reflect their individual starting point, abilities and interests.
2. **Achievable by all:** A DofE Award is achievable by any young person who chooses to take up its challenge, regardless of ability, gender, background or location.
3. **Voluntary:** Whilst DofE programmes may be offered within school, college, work time, custody or extra-curricular activity, young people choose to do a programme and commit some of their free time to undertake their activities.
4. **Personal development:** A DofE programme inspires personal and social development. The value to young people is dependent on personal commitment, the learning process and the quality of the experience.



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5. **Personalised:** Young people design their own programme, which can be tailored to suit their personal circumstances, choices and local provision. They start at whichever level suits them best and they can take as long as they wish (within the age limits) to achieve an Award.
6. **Balanced:** The aim is to ensure that participants experience development of the whole person; mind, body and soul. By undertaking activities focusing on at least four different aspects of development, young people complete a balanced and wide-ranging programme.
7. **Progressive:** At each level of engagement, a DofE programme demands progressively more time, commitment and responsibility from the participant.
8. **Achievement focused:** Before starting an activity, young people are encouraged to set their own challenging goals. If they aim for these goals and show improvement they will achieve a Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
9. **Demand commitment:** A DofE programme demands persistence and commitment and cannot be completed with a short burst of enthusiasm. Participants are encouraged to continue with activities and to maintain their interest beyond their programme requirements.
10. **Enjoyable:** Young people should find participation enjoyable, fulfilling and rewarding.

Each Award has four main sections: Expedition, Skills, Physical and Volunteering. The Bronze Award is designed to take about a year. However, there is flexibility in the system and can be completed in 6 months. The skills, physical and volunteering sections are arranged and carried out by students individually; the award's website is full of ideas for activities that would be suitable. The Expedition side of the award is run by Haileybury Turnford and involves a significant amount of training in navigation and camp-craft followed by a practice expedition and a qualifying expedition. The school will provide the tents, cooking equipment and maps and we also have a limited supply of rucksacks and sleeping bags but students will need to provide their own personal equipment for the expeditions. Personal equipment can be expensive but all students will receive detailed information about the best equipment to buy on a budget and recommended retailers, please don't rush out and buy it now.

Expedition information

The expeditions will incur a further cost of around £60 for both, although this will be confirmed closer to the aforementioned date. We do require students to be actively logging their sessions to be able for us to plan an expedition. Although we hope for the weekends to be in June / July, but this will be confirmed closer to the time and depends on the speed of the students.

Please visit www.DofE.org for further information about the award.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at megawn@haileyburyturnford.com.

Yours faithfully

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