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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has shown an interest in participating in the Duke of Edinburgh BRONZE Award this year.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) is non-competitive and open to all young people – it's about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries. More information can be found at <u>www.dofe.org/do</u>.

Students will need to undertake a Skill, Physical Activity, Volunteering and Expedition as part of the Award. The timescales for these activities are outlined below. These do not need to be new to the student and can be something that they are already doing and plan to continue to do (e.g. music lessons or sport clubs). They can all be undertaken simultaneously and will need to fit around their College studies. Students will not be allowed to participate in the expeditions until 2 of these sections are complete.

- Volunteering, physical and skill sections: 3 months
- Students choose one of the above sections to complete for a further 3 months
- Expedition section: 2 days/1 nights (+ training day hike)

For the students to participate in the award they need to be able to attend Wednesday lunchtime training sessions (not every week). There will also be a Saturday training day hike and the final expedition. The dates of these events will not be set until we have final numbers, but we expect the expedition to take place in term 6.

Finances:

The cost of participating in the award comes to £90. This includes registration for the DofE Award (non-refundable £23); a Saturday day hike and the 2-day assessed expedition along with a DofE assessor. As a college, we will provide group kit for the students such as tents, stoves, compasses, maps and first aid kits. We have tried to keep the cost to as little as possible whilst still providing a high-quality experience to the students.

Once all application forms have been collated, I will contact all participating students/parents/guardians with details of how and when to pay. There will be the option to pay in three instalments. There is financial support available that we can apply for - please contact me directly if you believe this will apply.

I am asking all students who would like to take part in the DofE Bronze Award to complete the short application form and draft program planner that is attached and returned to their tutor by Friday 22th October.

Filling in the draft programme planner:

This is a first draft so it can be changed, and I do not expect all details (such as assessor information) to be known right away. I am looking to see that each student has an idea of what they would like to do for each section. To help students fill out the programme planner there are downloadable lists of section ideas on our website (homepage \rightarrow college life \rightarrow Duke of Edinburgh).

If you have any queries, please email me at <u>i.walsh@stbcc.org</u>.

Kind Regards,

Dr J Walsh Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager





DofE BRONZE AWARD Participant Enrolment Form

Please print clearly in CAPITALS. You must complete all of the questions.

First name:			Last name:	
Date of birth:	/	/	Tutor Group:	
School email address:				

When you first sign in to eDofE you will be asked to record some personal details such as your contact details, ethnicity and personal circumstances along with details of any medical needs you may have. This data is used to enable your Leaders to support you doing your DofE programme and for the DofE's statistical and reporting purposes. You will always have a 'prefer not to say' option.

Please read and tick the conditions below:

I understand that in order to participate in the assessed expedition, 2 of my sections will need to be complete, and the other in progress (from volunteering, physical and skill).

I understand that I will need to attend all Wednesday Lunchtime training sessions (not every week) and the Saturday day hike (date TBC).

I understand that there is a non-refundable deposit of £23 to cover the cost of eDofE registration.

Declaration:

I agree to enrol as a participant on a DofE programme. I understand that I will be managing my programme using the online *e*DofE system. I acknowledge that this system has a set of terms and conditions that I agree to. These terms and conditions are available at <u>www.eDofE.org</u>

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Consent to enrol from parent or guardian (if applicant is under 18 years old).

I agree to my son / daughter / ward doing a DofE programme. I note that it is my responsibility to check that any activity my son / daughter / ward undertakes for their DofE programme is appropriately managed and insured, unless the activity is directly managed or organised by their DofE group, centre or Licensed Organisation.

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Note:

Data supplied on this form and in eDofE and information about DofE activities recorded in eDofE will be used by the DofE Charity, the Licensed Organisation and DofE centre to monitor and manage DofE participation and progress by young people and manage and support Leaders.

The DofE Charity will use personal data to communicate useful and relevant information to either help participants complete a DofE programme, Leaders/LOs to run DofE programmes more effectively or help the DofE Charity to improve the quality and breadth of its programmes.

We also send emails that contain information about the Charity, DofE negotiated privileged discounts and invites to events and other activities however if you would like to receive these emails you will need to opt in. Once you have opted-in to this you can opt out at any time by visiting <u>www.dofe.org/preferences</u>, or clicking the unsubscribe link that can be found at the bottom of all non-programme related email.



Bronze DofE Award Bitesize planner

This has been designed to help you when setting up your eDofE account.

Your name:	Date of Birth:/		
Address:	Postcode:		
Email address:			
Your emergency contact's name:			
Their relationship to you (parent/guardian):			
Their telephone number:			
Volunteering section planned start date:/ Type & details of activity: Where are you going to do it: List personal goals you want to achieve: Your Volunteering section Assessor's name: Their job/position: Assessor's Email or phone number:	_ for: 3 or 6 months? <i>(please circle)</i>		
List personal goals you want to achieve: Your Physical section assessor's name: Their job/position: Assessor's Email or phone number:			
Skills section planned start date:/ fo Type & details of activity: Where are you going to do it: List personal goals you want to achieve:			
Your Skills section Assessor's name: Their job/position: Assessor's Email or phone number:			
Your DofE Leader will advise you on wha	t to put in the Expedition section.		