Dear Parent/Carer

**Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award: 2021 - 2022**

I would like to introduce to you the opportunity for a real adventure for your son/daughter! The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a leading youth charity that gives all young people the chance to develop skills for work and life, fulfil their potential and have a brighter future. The DofE Awards are internationally recognised and are held in high regard by colleges, universities and future employers as they know the dedication, commitment and personal development it takes to complete the award.

We will be offering the Bronze Award to our year 9s. Students who are aged 13 in year 9 are allowed to start their Award in September. Each award is a personal programme of activities consisting of four different sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and an Expedition. Students get to choose what activity they would like to complete for each section and while doing so, will be involved in their community, learn new skills, get fitter and take part in a two day expedition in June 2022. By taking part in the DofE they will make new friends, experience new situations and be challenged along the journey to achieving their Bronze Award.

This journey will begin in September 2021 with support from trained staff members who will lead your child through their award. To increase your knowledge of the DofE Award Scheme, visit [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org). The Bronze Award will run at a cost of £100 which will cover the cost of the DofE participation fee of £23 and campsite and transport fees for the practice and assessed expeditions. Students will need to provide their own food, clothing, sleeping bag and roll mat for the expeditions. The school will provide tents, rucksacks, group first aid kits and cooking stoves for the expeditions.

The Bronze Award consists of the Expedition section culminating in a 2 day assessed expedition. Meanwhile, participants should be undertaking 3 months of at least 1 hour a week for each of their Skill, Physical and Volunteering sections. An additional 3 months is undertaken in 1 of these 3 to make a total of 6 months.

Students are required to attend a practice and an assessed expedition of two days and one night on the following dates:

**Practice Expedition: Friday 20th – Saturday 21st May 2022**

**Assessed Expedition: Friday 1st – Saturday 2nd July 2022**

To prepare for the expeditions, students will be required to attend a minimum of eight training sessions after school between March and June, on a Tuesday and/or Wednesday from 3pm – 4.30/5pm. These training dates will be confirmed in January.

If your son/daughter wishes to sign up for the Award, please complete and return the DofE Participant Enrolment Form, along with a voluntary contribution of £100 on ParentPay. If sufficient funds are not raised, then unfortunately the Award will not be able to run. If necessary, you may make instalments for the Award.

* Initial non-refundable enrolment fee of £23.00 payable by Thursday 22nd July 2021
* Second non-refundable payment of £39.00 payable by Friday 1st October 2021
* Final non-refundable payment of £38.00 payable by Friday 3rd December 2021

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at paula.edwards@lecacademy.org

Yours faithfully,

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