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Dear Year 9 Students and Parents/Carers,

## **Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award at Broadoak Academy**

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is the world's leading achievement award for young people, and is highly regarded by Universities, Colleges and Employers. It encourages young people to develop independence, commitment, leadership and teamwork through being involved in a personalised programme of activities. The school fully supports the award and recognises its value for developing skills and attributes in young people.

It takes approximately 6-8 months to complete the Bronze Award and a regular commitment to various activities for the duration of the Award is required. DofE leaders, along with other academy staff, will be happy to give advice and support to help students to choose appropriate activities.

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award is split into four sections: **Volunteering**, **Physical**, **Skill** and **Expedition**. For the 3 sections below, students will need to complete either 3 or 6 months of an activity and provide evidence to an assessor who will complete an Assessor's Report at the end of the time. Here are some ideas for the section activities, which can be completed in school through extra-curricular activities or at home – [see activity ideas](#).

**Expedition** – The expedition section of the award will take place in Spring/Summer 2025 and more information about this including dates, locations and payments will follow before Christmas. We do not want any students to miss out on the expedition due to cost so, if this a concern for you, please indicate on the sign-up form. **Students will need to have completed their other sections before being invited to take part in the expeditions.**

**Kit** – We supply group kit for the expeditions and can support with individual kit such as boots, rucksacks, sleeping bags etc. so please don't feel you need to source this immediately. If you would like to ask for kit for Christmas presents, please just contact [dofe@broadoakacademy.clf.uk](mailto:dofe@broadoakacademy.clf.uk) for a list or we will discuss kit in detail from January.

### **Enrolment Fee**

We may be able to apply for students who receive free school meals to enrol free of charge this year by applying to the DofE Resilience fund for the £28. Please indicate on the sign-up form if you would like us to apply for this funding for you and we will confirm if this option is available once the DofE announce this year's funding. We do ask for your commitment to the award and support for your child in completing their sections.

### How to sign up:

To sign up, please complete this [Broadoak Academy DofE Sign Up Form](#) by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. If you are not receiving funding for the enrolment, the £28 will need to be paid on ParentPay by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. It will be added to your ParentPay once you have completed the sign-up form.

### How do I find out more about the Duke of Edinburgh Award?

Ask any questions on the sign-up form. There are also lots of useful videos on the [DofE YouTube Channel](#) and the DofE posts regularly on various [social media sites](#).

### Attending DofE sessions in school:

To complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award, students will initially need to attend **DofE after school sessions on the following dates:**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 3pm-4.15pm in C1**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 3pm-4.15pm in C1**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 3pm-4.15pm in C1**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 3pm-4.15pm in C1** - if you are all set up and up to date with eDoE you may be able to leave this session earlier.

We will send more details about sessions from January once students have signed up. If your child would like to take part in DofE but has other commitments at this time, please just let us know as we don't want this to be a barrier to them taking part.

Please take some time to look at the DofE website [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org) with your child and start to plan what they might do for their Volunteering, Physical and Skill sections.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions. You can email [dofe@broadoakacademy.clf.uk](mailto:dofe@broadoakacademy.clf.uk)

We look forward to lots of you joining the DofE award.

**Mr Dunn, Mrs Brown-Wright, Mrs Ball and Mrs Kasht**  
**Broadoak Academy DofE Leader Team**

