

Dear Parent/Carer

5 October 2022

### **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE)**

Your child has expressed an interest in becoming a participant in the Duke of Edinburgh Award at The Sutton Academy. At home it is worth logging onto the DofE website ([www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)) to have a read up about the scheme. Here you will find information on time scales involved, as well as how much hard work and effort that needs to be put in to achieve through the award scheme.

#### **Why do DofE?**

Doing their DofE is a brilliant way for your young person to discover just how much they are capable of. It gives young people the chance to make new friends, follow their passions, learn new skills and make a difference in our community. Achieving a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too. And it helps young people to see themselves differently and gain a new level of confidence. We always say that after taking on your DofE, you know that whatever life throws at you, you're ready to deal with it. The DofE is non-competitive and a powerful way for every young person to build belief in themselves, whatever their background, interests and abilities.

#### **How it works**

There are three levels of DofE Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. To achieve their Award, your young person will need to complete four sections – Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the Expedition. Young people can choose what they would like to do for the first three sections, and we will provide all the guidance and support they need. The Expedition involves spending two days and one night in the countryside. We provide comprehensive training beforehand to ensure everyone is fully prepared and has the best possible experience.

For your child to now be registered, the attached DofE registration document needs to be filled in and returned to me by Friday 14 October.

There is a fee to pay for registration with D of E. This covers all admin costs and registration costs. The registration fee is **£25.00**. Payments can be made via ParentPay. This fee directly pays for the DofE welcome pack and online portal where your child will need to upload evidence and information to support their achieving of the bronze award.

Please be aware that there will be further small fees to be paid later in the year which are to cover expedition costs. This will be to help towards camping, equipment costs, insurance and transport on trips your son/daughter will go on. If there is ever an issue with any of these payments please notify me at The Sutton Academy so we can discuss alternatives.



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If you have any other questions regarding the award, please do not hesitate to contact me here at the academy.

The Duke of Edinburgh award allows young people to have a real adventure whilst gaining a widely recognised certificate that can make a difference to their employment opportunities later in life. We appreciate your time and effort in helping them complete and achieve this challenging award.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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