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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Enrolment**

Thank you for your time last week. I hope I was able to answer many of your questions regarding the Duke of Edinburgh Award. For anyone who was not able to attend or for anyone who would like to see the information again, I have recorded the presentation. You can access this using the following link:

<https://vimeo.com/1124161215/b6ae279173?share=copy>

The DofE Award is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of practical, cultural and adventurous activities designed to support the personal and social development of young people. It offers an individual challenge and encourages young people to undertake exciting and challenging activities in their free time. The scheme helps young people fulfil their potential, and for many the impact can be life-changing.

There is a substantial commitment that comes with completing the Award. Participants should complete a minimum of 1 hour a week (or 2 hours per 2 weeks) over 3 months towards a physical activity, a skill, and a volunteering commitment. In addition, they will need to commit to 1 hour a week (or 2 hours per 2 weeks) over a further 3-month period to be spent on one of the first three sections to make 6 months in total on one of the sections. Students will be expected to make their own arrangements to complete the components of the Award which could include participation in an existing club either at school or elsewhere. Before signing up, students should decide what they are going to do to complete each section.

In every case, an appropriate adult for each section, organised by each student, will be expected to act as a supervisor and complete a brief assessment of the participation in the activity. This assessor cannot be a family member.

The fourth section is the expedition. This is a two-day walking and camping journey, which is currently arranged by the school in conjunction with Blackland Farm. Please note that there will be an additional compulsory cost for the expedition, as a guideline this cost will be in the region of £140 per student. The provisional dates for the expedition are Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (an additional date is in place if required on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July).

Activities can be backdated to the start of Year 9 so that students who have already started an activity this half term can count this towards the three or six months.

The cost of the Award, including the school's administration costs, is £75 and this full amount will be due on acceptance onto the Award. This cost is non-refundable since your child's registration is valid up until the age of 25 and at any setting.



To sign up for the award, you will need to make the initial payment of £40 on ParentPay by the Monday before half term (Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October). The payment is over 2 instalments with the second instalment of £35 due by 21<sup>st</sup> November. Students will then be enrolled during the first week after half term. After enrollment, your child will be sent an email to their school email account, so please ask them to check there regularly so that they can complete the registration process.

We are keen for as many students as possible to take part in this fantastic programme and financial assistance may be available for students in receipt of free school meals; please contact [finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk), in confidence, to discuss further.

If you would like further information, please visit the Duke of Edinburgh website [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org) or email me directly with any queries.

Yours faithfully,

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