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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Information Evening – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 6.00pm.**

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to a **Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening to be held online on Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 6.00pm to 7.00pm.**

Booking is not required. Please use the link provided on the evening to access the event:

[Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Information Night | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

We are aware that not everyone will be able to attend the event. We can email the presentation to those who are unable to attend the event; please email us via [admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk) to request this. You can then email me on [b.walker@kingsschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:b.walker@kingsschoolhove.org.uk) with any questions.

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.

The Award is widely recognised by educationalists and employers and aligns well with our ethos and values. Some of the benefits to young people include developing or discovering:

- A sense of achievement and enjoyment
- New skills and interests
- Self-confidence and self-reliance
- Leadership skills and abilities
- Exciting opportunities
- Experience of teamwork and decision making

The information evening will cover all four sections of the Bronze Award and the application and selection process. The four sections of the Award are:

- Volunteering
- Learning a new skill
- Physical activity
- Expedition



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 on each of the first three sections listed above. 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.

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.

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 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension. 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 expedition will take place in the summer term with the date being shared this term.

The cost of the Award (not including the expedition), including the school's administration costs, is £75 and this full amount will be due on acceptance onto the Award. Once we have registered your child, this is a non-refundable cost since the registration can be used up until the age of 25, in any setting, that offers DofE.

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@kingschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:finance@kingschoolhove.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)

I very much look forward to seeing you online on the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours faithfully,

Mr B Walker  
*Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager / Assistant Headteacher*