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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

During the last week, we are delighted to have relaunched the Duke of Edinburgh (D of E) scheme within the school to all young people in the current year 10.

Being part of the DofE scheme can be a life-changing adventure for your child. On the way, they will do their own exciting and challenging programme of activities to help them reach their full potential. They will learn new skills, help others, have fun, make new friends and gain a great sense of achievement. Employers, colleges and universities really value Duke of Edinburgh Awards and recognise what it says about someone who's an Award holder.

Young people can do programmes at three levels; Bronze, Silver or Gold, which lead to a Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Year 10 students are being offered the opportunity to apply to take part in the Bronze level of the award which will involve them in committing to:-

- Volunteering to a project for one hour a week for at least 3 months
- Participating in physical activity for 1 hour a week for at least 3 months
- Skill for 1 hour a week for at least 3 months

In addition to this is the well-known Expedition section. Students will have to attend skills training, a practice and assessed expedition for a period of 2 days and 1 night. All training for this part of the section will be offered as an after school club on a Thursday evening.

If you would like to find out more about the award scheme, the expectations for young people who undertake it, costs and timescales we welcome you to attend an Information Evening on the 20th October 2016 at 18:00 to 19:00, in the Sixth Form Centre.

In the interim you can read more about the award at <http://www/dofe.info/en/content/cms/parents>.

I look forward to seeing you on the 20th October.

Yours faithfully

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