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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Bronze

We are pleased to be able to offer S3 pupils the opportunity to participate in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award this year. This award is highly prestigious and would be a valuable addition to your child's C.V.

I would like to stress that the Bronze Award does involve a significant time commitment and pupils considering undertaking the Award should bear this in mind. Pupils are required to complete four key sections: volunteering, physical, skills and expedition. As a school, we co-ordinate and arrange the expedition section but your child needs to then undertake the other three sections for a period of time. We will, of course, support and advise pupils.

For more information about the award visit the Duke of Edinburgh website: <https://www.dofe.org/do/>

Finance

For S3 pupils who wish to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, the full cost will be approximately £370. This price includes all costs associated with DofE registration as well as the expedition section of the award: training by Lochgoilhead staff, the use of equipment (cooking equipment etc.), food rations, Lochgoilhead staff supervision and transportation to Lochgoilhead Outdoor Centre.

To secure a place in the Bronze group, a £50 deposit should be paid by **Friday 24th June 2022**. This payment purchases your child's DofE licence which allows them to access their online profiles as well as covering the cost of the training day which is led by Lochgoilhead staff. The remaining balance should be paid by **Tuesday 31st January 2023**. Payments should be made online using the ParentPay website.

Information Evenings

Once pupils have received their DofE licence, they can begin to upload and record within the three sections: **volunteering, physical and skills** on their online profiles. Pupils will attend an assembly in school to explain what is required in order to receive the award. An information evening for parents/carers will follow at the start of the new term.

Expeditions

In addition to the three key sections (volunteering, physical and skills), pupils must complete an expedition. The practice and final expeditions will take place from **Lochgoilhead Outdoor Centre, Argyll, PA24 8AQ**. The provisional dates are:



Group A:

Training Day: Monday 27th February 2023

Practice Expedition: Thursday 16th March and Friday 17th March 2023

Final Expedition: Monday 8th May and Tuesday 9th May 2023

Group B:

Training Day: Tuesday 28th February 2023

Practice Expedition: Monday 20th March and Tuesday 21st March 2023

Final Expedition: Monday 15th May and Tuesday 16th May 2023

While on expedition, pupils are required to cook a meal. Cooking equipment will be provided by Lochgoilhead Outdoor Centre and the expedition leader will demonstrate how to use this equipment on day 1 of the expedition. Pupils will walk for two days and wild camp overnight.

If your child would like to participate in the Bronze Award, please make the online deposit of £50 and ask your child to complete the attached Google Enrolment Form by **Friday 24th June. There are a limited number of spaces. If the award is oversubscribed, a ballot will take place.**

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please ask your child to come to the P.E. Department.

Kind regards

Katie Hood
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator