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Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award 2020-2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to you as your son/daughter has expressed an interest in doing their DofE bronze award this year. We are excited to be in our second year of offering the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award to students in year 9, which is a fantastic opportunity for your son/daughter to be involved in.

Why Do the DofE Bronze Award?

Completing the DofE Award will be a life-changing adventure for your son/daughter. On the way, they will undertake their own exciting and challenging programme of activities to help them reach their full potential. They will build key life skills, help others, have fun, develop friendships and feel a real sense of achievement. Young people achieve their Bronze Award by completing a personal programme of activities including volunteering, physical and skills. Two of the three sections need to be completed for a period of 3 months and the third for 6 months for an average of an hour a week. The final section of the Bronze Award is the Expedition, where students will learn a range of skills from camp craft, first aid and navigation to name a few!

If your son/daughter is interested they will need to start their skill, physical and volunteering by October so they have enough time to complete these sections before they undertake their expedition. As a way of gaining the level of interest, we ask if your son/daughter can complete a draft 'Bronze DofE Award Bitesize planner' (see attached). Please use the programme ideas sheet plus website link to select activities for each of the sections (Volunteering, Physical & Skills). Please note these choices aren't confirmed until your son/daughter enrolls to start their bronze – so presently use them as a guide.

Learn More: Feel free to browse the DofE section on our school website:

<https://www.marywebbschool.com/duke-of-edinburgh/> which has some great information regarding what the Bronze award entails with some useful links too there is also further information for participants and parents regarding the Award and ideas for sections can be found at www.dofe.org

I'm interested in my son/daughter enrolling to do their DofE Bronze - what's the next step?

We will be holding a DofE Parents information evening on Thursday 17th September, 6pm – 7pm at Mary Webb School with further details regarding: DofE Bronze award; key details such as costs, expedition information, enrolment; as well as key dates throughout the academic year 2020-2021. Do note: Pending numbers it may be that the session runs over two half an hour sessions, to keep in line with social distancing and COVID guidelines, though this will be made clear to you on the evening if we are required to do this.

Confirmation of Attendance:

If you are going to be attending the 'DofE Parents Information Evening' on Thursday 17th September please tick the box below to confirm attendance along with the programme planner and return to school by Tuesday 15th September.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school or myself via email: jseager@marywebbschool.com

Yours Faithfully,

Mr Seager

Duke of Edinburgh Manager.

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Student Name:.....

Form:.....

Please tick the relevant box below to confirm your attendance at the parents' information evening.
Please ensure that all reply slips are returned no later than Tuesday 15th September.

- My child and I will be attending the **Parents' Information Evening** on Thursday 17th September, 6.00-7.00pm
- My child is interested participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, but we are unable to attend the parents' information evening.
- Thank you for the information, but on this occasion my child will not be taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh this year.

Parents Name:.....

Parents Signature:.....

Date:.....

Please return your slip to the School Office or Mr Seager by Tuesday 15th September, 2020 JS/LB