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Dear Parent / Carer

I'm delighted to let you know that we are about to launch our recruitment for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE).

Why do DofE?

Doing DofE is a brilliant way for your child to discover just how much they are capable of. It gives young people the chance to make new friends, follow their passions, learn new skills and make a difference in our community. Gaining a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too. It's also non-competitive and a powerful way for every young person to build belief in themselves, whatever their background, interests and abilities.

How it works

There are three levels of DofE Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. To achieve the awards, your child will need to complete four sections – Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the Expedition. Students can choose what they would like to do for the first three sections, and we will provide all the guidance and support they need.

The Expedition involves spending two days and one night in the countryside and, again, we'll make sure that our young people are fully prepared for it.

Next steps

1. Watch the video using the link below to inspire, motivate and inform you further about DofE at all levels.

[DofE Welcome Film - YouTube](#)

2. We hope many of our students will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. The cost is £40.00 per person and it will be available on ParentPay. If your child is interested in taking part but the cost is prohibitive, please speak to me/email me as we may be able to arrange financial support with funded places.

3. Complete the programme planner attached (print out and fill in or collect a paper copy from Miss Upton) and return to Miss Upton in AT2 by **Friday 7th January**. If you have not done Bronze DofE please complete the 'SILVER-DIRECT' programme planner.

4. Check 'Teams', you will be added to a new Team for DofE, this is where you will find notices and updates.

5. Attend the DofE enrolment evening after school (3.30-4.30pm) on **Thursday 13th January** to set up your eDofE correctly and track your progress towards completing your award.

The DofE website – www.dofe.org - has a lot of useful information too. I am the DofE Manager for South Dartmoor so if you think you might be interested or have any questions, do get in touch.

It would be great to get a big group of students together to make the most of this opportunity. Thank you for your support. I hope you'll agree that the DofE is the perfect way for your child to feel ready for anything.

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