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Dear Parent / Carer

I am delighted to let you know that we are about to launch our recruitment for the 2023 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE).

Why do DofE?

Doing DofE is a brilliant way for your young person 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 is 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/two/three nights in the countryside, and again we will make sure that our young people are fully prepared for it.

Please take a couple of minutes to watch this DofE clip on YouTube which will give you an idea about how the award works: [Welcome To DofE](#).

Next steps

We hope many of our students will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. When you are ready to enrol, please complete this [Online Enrolment Form](#). The cost to enrol on the Bronze Award is £26 and we would require this to be paid into ParentPay by 15:00 on Friday 6 October. The cost for the Bronze Award expedition this year was £50 and I expect that it will be similar for your child's expedition in July 2023. If your child is interested in taking part but the cost is prohibitive, please do speak to me as we may be able to arrange financial support.

I am the DofE Manager for South Dartmoor Community College, so if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at- dstokes@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk . The DofE website – <https://www.dofe.org/> has a lot of useful information, too.

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

Best wishes

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