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Dear Parent/Carer

This week, during assembly, I introduced the students to the Duke of Edinburgh award. We would like to inform you of what this award is and why it can be beneficial to your child.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a program that encourages young people to set and achieve personal goals through a series of challenging activities. The program is designed to develop self-confidence, leadership skills, and a sense of responsibility all while having fun and exploring new opportunities.

The award is open to young people with three levels to choose from: Bronze (year 9 and above), Silver (year 10 and above), and Gold (16 and above). Each level involves completing a set of activities in four different areas: physical, skills, volunteering and expedition.

Physical: This section encourages young people to become more physically active and develop a healthy lifestyle. Your child can choose from a range of activities such as team sports, dance or martial arts.

Skills: This section focuses on developing new skills and hobbies. Your child can choose from a variety of activities such as playing a musical instrument, learning a new language or cooking.

Volunteering: This section encourages young people to give back to their community. Your child can choose from a range of volunteering opportunities, such as helping out at a local charity, mentoring younger students or assisting at an animal shelter. A list of ideas for all the sections can be found [here](#).

Expedition: This section involves planning and undertaking an outdoor expedition with a team of peers. Your child will learn important survival skills as well as developing teamwork and leadership skills.

By participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award your child will gain valuable experience that will help them in all areas of their life. The award is highly respected by employers and universities and can make a real difference to their future prospects.

If your child is interested please could you complete the form: [DofE enrolment form](#)

Clubs are held:

Year 9: Wednesday after school

Years 10 and 11: Wednesday lunch time when the students have social time

If you have any questions please contact DofE@IWEF.org.uk

Yours faithfully



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