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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that we will be able to deliver the Duke of Edinburgh (D of E) bronze award programme for your child. The award is recognised by many different universities, colleges and places of employment because it shows how a young person has developed skills beyond their normal education. The key focus of the award is to develop the soft skills of communication, organisation and leadership, and this is developed through four individual sections of volunteering, physical, skill and expedition.

Students must work on the first three sections of the award for 3 months each, with an additional three months on one section of their choice. For example, they could complete 3 months volunteering, 3 months learning a new skill and 6 months on their physical section. The expedition section will be a two-day overnight expedition with training before. For each expedition school provides a tent, rucksack and trangia to cook with. We also have waterproofs, sleeping mats and sleeping bags available.

You can find a short presentation which explains the D of E Award further <u>on our school website</u> in the Outdoor Education section. The application form which your child needs to complete is also on this webpage, or can be found by <u>clicking here</u>. The application form asks each child to explain their interests for each section and why they would like to take part in the award.

The cost of the award is £80 which can be paid in four instalments or in full. The first instalment of £20 pays for the D of E account and, once purchased, it is not refundable. Once numbers for the bronze award have been confirmed, I will confirm groups, training dates and expedition dates for each child in the new academic year and purchase all accounts after 31 January. The payment plan is as follows:

31 January 2024	£20
28 February 2024	£20
29 March 2024	£20
30 April 2024	£20

If you wish your child to take part in the award could you please confirm by email to Mrs Banks at <u>tbanks@hswv.co.uk</u>. You will then be added to the payment schedule on ParentPay.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email to <u>cmoody@hswv.co.uk</u>.

Yours sincerely C MOODY DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD MANAGER







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