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Dear Parent/Carer and Year 8 Students

Duke of Edinburgh Award Introducing the Bronze Award

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award will be open to Year 9 students in September 2022. This is a fantastic opportunity for students wishing to enrich their education.

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The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an internationally recognised qualification which teaches individuals important life skills. The Award advocates that students will "discover fresh interests and make new friends, and find satisfaction in giving service to others." (The Duke of Edinburgh, 2016) (Quote from the DofE website)

We are fortunate to have Mr Semmons, our Award Manager, based at the College, who has been running the Award for over 12 years. Participants will follow the Award schedule under his guidance. In short, participants will need to complete 3 activities from the options below for a set period. For many students, they may already be taking part in activities that count towards their Award.

Volunteering	Your chance to make a real difference by helping someone, your community,
	the environment or a charity.
Physical	You can choose any physical sport, dance or fitness activity. Work to get fitter,
	keep fit or get better at it.
Skills	You can choose almost any hobby or activity you can think of and focus on
	getting better at it.
Expeditions	Plan, train for and then complete an adventurous self-sufficient journey, as part
	of a team.

There is a cost incurred for the Award which is spread over two payments during the academic year. In some cases, the College may be able to offer assistance towards the cost. If you think you may be eligible for support, please contact Mr Semmons in confidence.

If you would like to register your child's interest, please email Mr Semmons your child's full name and tutor group, on receipt of your email, he will send you a copy of our booklet explaining more about the award at the college and how to proceed forward with registering your child for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We pride ourselves on how successful the award is at the college, I hope your child will make the most of this exciting opportunity. And I will look forward to working with you and your child.

Yours faithfully

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