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Dear Parent/Carer

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award

I am delighted that your child would like to register to complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. I am sure you are aware that this is an internationally recognised youth award and we are keen for our students to take the opportunity to complete as many levels of the award as they can.

The Bronze Award can be completed by young people who are in Year 9 or above and they can take until their 25th birthday to complete it. We would prefer them not to take that long, and to progress onto their Silver Award soon after they have completed their Bronze. The Bronze Award has four sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical and Expedition.

Students can complete activities they already take part in, in their spare time or they can try new activities. Whatever they are interested in we will do our best to find a section that it will fit into.

We are planning for the Expedition training to start in March 2025. It is planned that the assessed expedition will take place in the Summer term. Dates will follow as soon as we know the number of students registered this year for their Award.

The cost of enrolling for the Bronze Award is £54.00. This covers the cost of eDofE registration and administration charges. Students record details of their activities using either the eDofE website or App. Their welcome pack will be posted by the Award once they complete the registration online. Students then add evidence to their log book page with photos, and an assessor report onto their eDofE account via the website.

There will also be some cost for the expedition i.e. travel costs, insurance, assessor expenses and camp site fees. However, we will try our best to keep these to a minimum. I expect the cost of the expedition to be approximately £60.00. We will complete parental permission forms before the expeditions, to ensure information is up to date.

If you would like your child to be enrolled then please complete the Bronze DofE enrolment form on the Budmouth website, in the '[Parent Information](#)' section. Payment of £54.00 needs to be paid via ParentMail. Once both have been received, I will register your child. We will be holding eDofE training sessions after school in October, to help students log into their eDofE accounts.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the award then you can contact me by e-mail at mphipps@budmouth-aspirations.org . You can also find more general information on the Award website www.dofe.org

Yours sincerely

Mr M Phipps

Duke of Edinburgh Award Leader