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'Learning Together Across the World'

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I'm delighted to let you know that we are about to launch the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). I'm the DofE lead here at Hendon School and I wanted to write to let you know more about what's involved.

Why do DofE?

Doing their 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. Achieving a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too. And it helps young people to see themselves differently and gain a new level of confidence. We always say that after taking on your DofE, you know that whatever life throws at you, you're ready to deal with it.

The DofE is 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 their Award, your young person will need to complete four sections – Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the Expedition.

Young people 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 night in the countryside. We provide comprehensive training beforehand to ensure everyone is fully prepared and has the best possible experience.

Next steps and costs.

We hope lots of our young people will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. The cost is £25 per person. An additional voluntary contribution of £10 will also be made available. This contribution will go towards the sustainability of future awards here at Hendon. Your contribution means that we can purchase more expedition kit, help more students with finance, travel to further destinations and most importantly, open more spaces for upcoming years.

Please note: Students will also need to provide their own personal equipment as outlined on the kit list which can be found here at, dofe.org. Kits can be hired out from Barnet council (£40 to hire). Students will not be required to provide any group equipment (i.e., Tents, stoves etc).

We have only 15 spaces available for this exciting opportunity. Participation will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis so to do this, **simply scan the QR code at the bottom** to access the Duke of Edinburgh sign-up form:

Once you complete and return this form, you will receive access to *ParentMail* so you are able to pay the £25 sign-up fee with the optional voluntary £10 contribution.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me. The [DofE website](http://dofe.org) dofe.org - has a lot of useful information too.

We eagerly anticipate seeing our students embrace this remarkable journey, overcome challenges, and cultivate skills and experiences that will empower them for a lifetime.

Kind regards,

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