



**KING EDWARD VI
NORTHFIELD
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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Award

I'm delighted to let you know that we are about to launch the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) for this year. I'm the DofE Manager for King Edward Northfield School for Girls, and 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

We hope lots of our young people will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. Pupils need to come and collect an enrolment form and information pack from myself. We will be hosting an information event for parents, carers and young people on **Wednesday 23rd October at 5.30pm**. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me. The DofE website dofe.org - has a lot of useful information too.

Thank you for your support. I hope you'll agree that the DofE is the perfect way for your young person to feel ready for anything.

Yours faithfully

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