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Dear Parent/ Guardian

After an information assembly, your son/daughter has expressed an interest in participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award. The award is an internationally recognised youth achievement award which helps young people to find new interests, be a part of their local community and develop a number of skills including confidence, team work and leadership.

Below is outlined the key information:

What does it involve?

The Bronze DofE Award includes four sections. Each of the first three sections requires students to undertake 1 hour of activity each week over a time period of 3 months, with the voluntary section being undertaken for 6 months and a further 3 months being added to one of the sections as well. Suggested activities for each section are available on our academy website.

- **Physical** – any sport-based activity
- **Skills** – a non-sport based activity
- **Volunteering** – students are expected to complete tasks that benefit the local community. One example is that they can volunteer litter pick in their local area each Tuesday for one hour before 6pm for the Wellingborough Eco Group/Wellie Wombles.

The fourth section is the **Expedition** which involves taking part in two weekend walking trips with overnight camping. These are run by an approved outdoor education group called BXM with the school as the intermediary. The dates of the expedition are provisionally booked as follows:

- Training Day – 14th March
- Training Expedition – Friday 21st-Sunday 23rd April
- Qualifying Expedition – Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July
- In order to support students through these sections, fortnightly meetings will take place after school. In these meetings, students will be prepared for different elements of the expeditions such as learning to pitch tents, using a compass and cooking as well as being monitored on their completion of the other sections. Days and times of these sessions will be shared in the new year.



What does it cost?

The DofE charity have a registration fee for each student, which is non-refundable. This is a cost of £25

The cost of the expedition element provided by BXM will be £249 which will need to be paid in instalments. Again, this is non-refundable.

The school does not charge anything for running the DofE award

In addition to these costs, there is equipment that each student needs to provide for themselves for expedition. This can be seen in the kit list which is published on our academy website.

What to do now?

If you are happy to allow your son/ daughter to participate then please complete the enrolment form and return it to school before the summer holidays. Payment of £50 will then be set up on ParentPay which covers the registration fee and a first instalment of £25 for the expedition.

Payments will need to be made before September in order to start the award.

If you have any questions about the DofE Award then you can go to the website www.dofe.org, our academy website <https://www.weaversacademy.org.uk/home/curriculum/extra-curricular-clubs> or you can contact myself on michelle.reading@weaversacademy.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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