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Dear Parent/Carer



We are very pleased to be continuing the Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award at our school this year. The Award is a fantastic opportunity for our students to gain new skills, give back to our community, challenge themselves, enrich their learning and enjoy themselves. The DofE Award is a significant qualification, recognised by employers and universities throughout the UK and overseas. You probably know a bit about it already, but further information can be found at <https://www.dofe.org/do/sections/>

We are offering the first stage Bronze Award to Year 9 pupils. In order to complete the Bronze Award, participants will need to complete each of the four sections:

- Physical\*
- Skills\*
- Volunteering\*
- Expedition

(\* One of these must be participated in regularly over six months; the other two must be completed over 3 months).

Students who enrol will be trained and supported to complete the expedition section, with several training activities and assessments being run over the academic year. There are extra curricula activities and opportunities already provided within our school that would enable all students to complete the other sections of the Award. However, your child may already be involved in outer-school clubs and activities that would also fulfil the requirements.

We have been generously supported by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award office to help us establish the programme, and we have purchased a large amount of group equipment (including tents and stoves) to enable us to run the expedition. However, there is a registration cost for the school and for each participant. As a result, there is a sign-up fee of £75 to enrol in the award. In addition, there will be a £160 fee to support the delivery of the expedition events for those students who qualify for the expedition by completing two of the three other sections.

Payment must be made online through ParentPay, and no student will be registered until the form has been returned and the sign-up fee has been paid. For students entitled to Pupil Premium, the academy can assist with some of these costs; please call the school or email [finance@looeaca.net](mailto:finance@looeaca.net) to arrange this.

Enclosed with this letter is an enrolment form. Your child needs to return this form ASAP to myself. If you would like more information, please contact me at [sday@looeaca.net](mailto:sday@looeaca.net). I do hope your child will be interested in taking up this rewarding opportunity.

Yours faithfully  
**Sam Day**