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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)**

I'm delighted to let you know that we are about to launch the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) for all current Year 9 students at Looe Community Academy. I'm the DofE Manager for the school 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 Bronze 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.

As this is our first year of delivering the DofE at Looe Community Academy, the DofE Charity have provided us with a limited number of funded Participation Places (usually £28.00), therefore there will be no enrolment fee for those that submit their enrolment forms in time to receive one of these funded places. There will, however, be a cost to complete the Expedition section in the 2025 summer term, which will be approximately £30-£50. This figure will become more accurate nearer the time.

#### **Next steps**

We hope that lots of our young people will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. Your young person has been provided information that can help them decide if this were something they would like to

get involved in. The attached form will need to be handed back to myself or their tutor by no later than Friday 6 December – so we do have a tight turn around.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me. The DofE website [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org) has lots 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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