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Dear Parent / Carer,

**Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards and information evening**

The Dean Academy are very excited to be able to inform you of our first awards and information evening. The purpose of the event is to celebrate the current DofE students and present them with their awards whilst also giving information to prospective students who wish to start a DofE award. The evening will inform both you as parents and students of the requirements and commitment involved in taking up the DofE award and highlight the huge number of benefits completing the award can bring.

The DofE award is highly regarded by organisations and businesses as the most valued activity undertaken by young people. It provides young people with a unique opportunity to develop a huge range of invaluable skills unmatched by many other qualifications. To attain the award students are expected to complete the following three sections.

- Volunteering
- Skills
- Physical

The sections are to be completed for a minimum of 1 hour a week for 3 to 6 months, as well as completing a practice and assessed expedition.

Completion of the sections listed above can be challenging and require a level of organisation and responsibility, making it important that students understand the commitment they are undertaking before applying. To ensure that both you and your child are completely informed, you are invited to attend a launch evening at the school, along with your child, **on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of October, at 5pm**, in the Drama Hall.

During the meeting, we will outline the application process, the commitment required from students and provide more details about the award itself. The presentation should take no longer than 40 minutes and it is essential that if your child would like to complete their DofE award that they attend the meeting. Further details can be found on the DofE website <https://www.dofe.org/>, although all the relevant information will be provided at the launch event.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at school or e-mail me at:  
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Yours sincerely,

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Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator



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