



18th June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

During this week your child would have been shown a short introduction film about the Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE). The film outlined the various sections of the Bronze Award and its value to students in personal development, new experiences and how powerful it can be when applying to colleges, universities and employment. I am writing to invite you to a presentation about the DofE and to give you some more information about it.

The Bronze DofE Award is made up of four sections:

- Volunteering
- Skills
- Activity
- Expedition

The first three of these sections are part of our Wood Green Baccalaureate, in which we expect all students to do some volunteering, to learn a new skill and to undertake regular physical activity. By joining DofE and carrying out the expedition in addition to these three sections, students can achieve a nationally recognised qualification for their efforts.

In 'normal' times we would have introduced this to students in September giving a year to complete the Bronze Award. The first three sections are carried out over three months with one chosen to be extended to six months. The expedition would be two days with one night camping. This would then achieve a full Bronze Award.

For the current Year 9 we are planning to open registration from 28th June closing on the 1st July. Due to the events of the past year the DofE have introduced some flexibility and participants will have two options in completing the award.

1. Only complete the first three sections and receive a Certificate of Achievement.
2. Complete the first three sections, receive a Certificate of Achievement and then continue on to the Silver Award with the practice expedition also used as the Bronze expedition so a full Bronze Award is received.

Wood Green School are strong advocates of the DofE Award as it provides an excellent programme to build confidence, experiences and working as part of a team. We have now chosen to offer all sections of the Award whilst students are at the school.

As an interested parent/carer you are invited to a virtual presentation on Tuesday 22nd June at 7pm at which more detail will be provided. Please [click here](#) to join the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Tarrant

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