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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Gold Award Enrolment Trip Award Leader – Ms Watson Jones

I am writing to inform you of the opportunities available to your son/daughter regarding the Gold of Edinburgh Award.

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. The Award is an adventure from beginning to end, with students enjoying many new experiences, discovering talents that they did not realise they had, challenging their potential, and standing out from the crowd. Many businesses and universities value the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and believe candidates to be more rounded and employable individuals.

The DofE Award 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

The Gold Award involves five sections that students must complete: Physical, Skill, Volunteering, Expedition and a Residential. You can find a short summary of the Gold Award here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q86Sa6DVwwA>. Students can choose what they would like to do for the first three sections, and we will provide all the guidance and support they need. With the expedition, we ask that participants organise dates that are suitable for them through Rich Adventure (or any other Approved Activity Provider) – more information about this will be given out to students once enrolled.

Next Steps

If you would like to find out more about the Duke of Edinburgh program, you can visit our webpage (<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/key-information/dofe/>) or the Dofe website (<http://www.dofe.org>). You can also follow our Twitter page.

If you would like to enrol:

The cost for the Gold Award enrolment is £32. This cost is for enrolment on the Gold Award only and is not refundable once the student is enrolled. This is payable via ParentPay, with a deadline **of Thursday 22nd October**. This is **NOT** the total amount payable for the Award (the expedition and Residential costs are in addition to this and will vary depending on what the participant chooses to do, however there are some charities that will accept applications for DofE funding for individuals).

If you have any queries or questions regarding the DofE Award, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or by phone. You can also explore the Award on the official Duke of Edinburgh's Award website <http://www.dofe.org>

Yours faithfully

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