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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to invite current Year 8 pupils to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award during Year 9.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is a nationally recognised programme that encourages young people to develop independence, resilience, teamwork and leadership skills through a range of challenging and rewarding activities. Participants complete sections in volunteering, physical activity and skills, alongside training and expeditions. The award is highly regarded by colleges, universities and employers, and provides students with valuable life experiences and lasting memories.

As part of the Bronze Award, students will undertake expedition training and complete both a practice and qualifying expedition in Northamptonshire.

The planned expedition dates are as follows:

Training Day (in school): 26th February 2027

Practice Expedition: 11–12 May 2027

Qualifying Expedition: 22–23 June 2027

- The approximate cost of the programme is **£325**. This includes expedition training, campsite fees, group kit, transport and expedition supervision. Further details regarding kit requirements and payment schedules will be shared in due course.

To secure a place on the programme, a non-refundable holding deposit of **£45 must be paid via ParentPay before the end of July**, this covers the DofE registration.

We strongly encourage students to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity. The DofE programme helps young people build confidence, independence and important life skills while enjoying new experiences with their peers.

If your child would like to participate, please complete the deposit payment by the stated deadline. Places may be limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,

Sophie Cunliffe

D of E Manager