**Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award**

12 December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 9 Students

This week during year 9 assembly we launched the Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE). Thank you to those students who attended the short presentation!

The DofE Award is a game-changer. Perseverance and passion for long-term goals is linked to success in education, life and work. The DofE is a structured programme of volunteering, physical and skills-based challenges that inspire, guide and support young people to achieve.

**Participants have to complete four areas:**

* **Volunteering** – choosing to give time to something useful, without getting paid and making a real difference to your community. (At least one hour per week)
* **Physical** – Get Active!  Anything that requires a sustained level of physical energy and involves doing a regular activity. (At least one hour per week)
* **Skill** – Develop practical and social skills and personal interests by developing a new skill or improving an existing one. (At least one hour per week)
* **Expedition** – Planning, training & completing a challenging expedition where you will be unaccompanied and self-sufficient. Learning new skills and working as a team.

At the end of the programme once all the areas have been assessed and validated students will be awarded the internationally recognised Bronze DofE Award.

The underlying focus of DofE is developing a young person’s independence, they are in the driving seat! There will be regular meetings to support participants to make progress the onus is on them to manage their ‘pathway’ through the DofE, parent/carer support is encouraged!

The total cost for this programme is **£250** (£50 non-refundable registration, £200 Expedition through Cheney School).

Pupil Premium students will have this discounted by 50%, to pay a total of **£125.** If your child is a Pupil Premium student and this payment will cause you financial difficulty, please contact the DofE Team.

**Registration:** If your child wishes to register to take part in the DofE programme please complete this registration form: <https://forms.gle/nFkH6wm9EifyQzV46>

Deadlines:

* **Registration by 12/01/20**
* Payment of the non-refundable registration **by 02 February 2020: £50**
* Expedition payment one 28 February 2020: £100 and (£37.50 for pp)
* Expedition payment two 31 March 2020: £100 and (£37.50 for pp)

The payment schedule is set up on ParentPay with the reference **"DofE Bronze Award"**.

If payments are not received by the dates given above, then your child will not be able to complete the DofE programme.

Further details of the programme: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kzR3FbSNJVOC6lJNPxdmneyvCV8TIgkG/view?usp=sharing>

The programme is running for 6-9 months beginning in January and finishing in July 2020

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the DofE Team:

dofe@cheney.oxon.sch.uk

This is a voluntary programme. But we want all Cheney students to take an active part in the programme if they wish, cost should not be a barrier. If costs are a concern, please do contact the DofE manager Mr Shane Clark at: SCL@cheney.oxon.sch.uk

Please refer to the attached flyer for further information or contact the DofE team.

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