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Dear Parent/Carer

At Shuttleworth College, we offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme to students from Years 9 and Year 10. The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award is an international qualification.

The Award recognises activities which many students will already be undertaking, and combines those with additional training to enable students to complete a walking and expedition. The Award looks great on post-secondary applications, scholarships, CVs and resumes. It also gives young people an opportunity to talk about themselves and their passions outside of their formal education.

Participants of the award must complete a minimum of three months of each a physical, volunteering and skill activity. For the Bronze award, one of these must be extended to six months – this is the choice of each individual student. Completion of each activity will lead to a recognised certificate. We are facilitating many different enrichment opportunities in school to allow students to work towards these sections in school. Students will have to complete at least two of these activities to be invited to undertake the expedition. Over the course of the Award, participants will also be required to complete two training days to prepare them for their practice and qualifying expeditions.

The skills which are gained on the training days will be assessed over two weekends: a practice expedition and a qualifying expedition. Participants must plan a route, navigate their way around it, demonstrate camp-craft skills, and show leadership and teamwork skills.

The cost for the programme is a £23 enrolment fee however I have managed to secure funding so enrolment for students is **FREE this year**. If you would like your child to take part in D of E but require assistance to cover the cost please contact Mrs Fox (efox@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk) for more information.

As arrangements are made for the expedition section, one payment of £25 for the expedition will be required. There will also be an expectation that students are provided with appropriate clothing/footwear if they take part in the expedition.

If your child is interested in participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, please complete and submit this form <https://forms.office.com/r/6CqPL5PhwR> before **FRIDAY 11TH MARCH 2022**. **This will secure your child's FREE place on the programme.**

Students will receive an assembly in the coming week about D of E, which will be delivered by a D of E representative. Parents/carers are encouraged to ring Mrs Fox at College on **01282 682300**, or email efox@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk with any queries.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. Fox', written in a cursive style.

Mrs E Fox
DofE Lead