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Dear student,

I’m excited to let you know that you can now sign up to do your Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s (DofE) Award at SWB starting in September.

DofE gives you the chance to discover just how much you’re capable of. It’s also a great way to meet new people, try new things, do what you love and make a difference in your community. Through DofE, you could try everything from surfing to salsa dancing, coding to candle making, bee keeping to ballet. It’s your call.

DofE is non-competitive and for everyone – whatever your interests, background and abilities. It’s about finding the confidence to be yourself, and knowing that when things get tough, you can find a way through.

**How it works**

To achieve your Award, you’ll need to complete five sections –Volunteering, Physical, Skills, Expedition and a residential. What you do for the first three sections is up to you, and we’ll give you all the support you need. The Expedition involves spending four days and three night in the countryside, and again we’ll make sure you’re fully prepared for it. The residential involves staying away from home it could be a summer camp, conservation project but again we’ll make sure you’re fully prepared.

I’m the DofE Manager for Ormiston SWB, so if you think you might be interested or have any questions, do get in touch. It would be great to get a big group of students together to make the most of this opportunity. With DofE, you can prove to yourself that you’re ready for anything.

**Next steps**

We hope many of our students will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. The cost is £25 initial deposit (**via parent mail**) to secure your place and the total cost will be approximately £100 (If your child is interested in taking part but the cost is prohibitive, please do speak to me as we may be able to arrange financial support). This can be paid in instalments via parent mail.

Please complete the enrolment form and return to school as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Yvonne Gajny

DofE Manager

Ormiston SWB