



October 2021

Headteacher: Mr H Kutty BA Hons

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Duke of Edinburgh Award – 2021/22 Intake**

The Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) is highly regarded by both colleges and employers and consists of three stages; Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The Bronze award consists of four sections; Volunteering, Physical, Skill and Expedition. The Award is structured as follows:

Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition
3 months	3 months	3 months	Plan, train for and undertake a 2 day, 1 night expedition.
All participants must undertake a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills sections.			

Your son/daughter will be allocated to a working group and assigned a specific staff member as their Group Leader.

The Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections must be completed before your child's 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday, but we aim to get the award completed within the academic school year. It is your child's responsibility to organise themselves with an activity that qualifies for each section under the supervision and guidance from the DofE staff.

Students will need to attend all of the following weekend sessions in order to complete the award:

- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – expedition training session at Cantell School
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March after school – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 afternoon - practice expedition in the New Forest
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – qualifying expedition in the New Forest

There may also be some after school sessions to support students with completing the skill, volunteering and physical sections of their award.

The cost to enrol on the scheme is £30.00. If you wish for your son/daughter to take part in the Award, please log on to ParentPay to consent and make the payment by **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**.

If you do not have your ParentPay log on details, please do not hesitate to contact Student Services on 02380 323 111.

If you have any questions before then, please email Mr Wilson at [luke.wilson@cantell.co.uk](mailto:luke.wilson@cantell.co.uk). Alternatively, more information can be found at <https://www.dofe.org/do-your-dofe/>.

Yours faithfully

Mr L Wilson  
DofE Manager and Teacher of P.E.

