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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award Scheme

I am pleased to let you know that Downlands is as usual offering the Duke of Edinburgh award to pupils in Year 10.

The DofE is a great chance for your child to broaden their horizons, discover new interests and talents, have fun with friends, develop essential skills for their future and achieve an internationally renowned Award.

During Covid there are changes to the usual organisation and delivery of the D of E at Downlands and the weekly after school sessions will not be running yet. We will be communicating with our participants via emails and online sessions. We are also unable to run the expedition section of the award at present, although that may change, and I am hopeful that by next summer we may be able to run expeditions in some form. However in the event that this is not possible, the Award has introduced a Certificate of Achievement which recognises the commitment of participants who have completed the other three sections.

Due to Covid the other three sections have also seen changes, allowing participants to volunteer in more flexible ways and be assessed by more people.

I have attached a link to the 'Parent/carer's guide to The Duke of Edinburgh Award' and if your child is interested in taking part I would encourage you to read it through, as it gives a comprehensive overview of the award plus lots of ideas for completing the different sections. It should answer any questions that you may have.

<https://www.dofe.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-Parent-Information-Assembly-Bronze.pptx>

Signing Up

The cost is £30 to register which will include the information pack. Other costs entailed will be the expeditions when we are able to run them. The cost for the practice and the assessed weekends will be approx. £55 in total.

There will only be **30** places available this year because of the restrictions and the deadline for applications is **Friday 9th October**. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.





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If your child is interested in taking part please let me know by replying to this email with their name and form to: acochrane@downlands.org

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Cochrane".

Alison Cochrane
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