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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be offering the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award to all students in Year 10 this year. The DofE is a prestigious award which is well recognised by universities, colleges and employers.

What is the Duke of Edinburgh Award?

The Award consists of four sections: Skill, Physical, Volunteering, and the Expedition. Students will choose an activity for each of the first three sections (skill, physical, and volunteering) and can get started on this straight away. This can be something they are already doing, such as a sports team or learning a musical instrument. They can also take up a new activity, for example joining a new school club.

Students can start their skill, physical, and volunteering activities as soon as they have enrolled. Ideas can be found on the Duke of Edinburgh Website, <https://www.dofe.org/do/ideas/>. They will need to complete one of these activities for 6 months and the other two for 3 months.

Students who complete these three sections will be invited to attend the expedition, which is the final part of the Award. This consists of two days walking and one night camping, which will take place in the summer.

For students taking part in the expedition, there will be a practice expedition for two days, one night on Thursday, 4 to Friday, 5 May 2023. Followed by a qualifying expedition on either Thursday, 18 to Friday, 19 May 2023 or Thursday, 25 to Friday, 26 May 2023. Students will need to be available on all three sets of dates in May, and we will confirm specific dates in due course.

What will it cost?

At this stage, we are asking parents and carers to pay £30 for registering with the DofE. Further information about the expedition costs will be provided in January, should you child choose to take part in the expedition.

We will also host information session for parents starting at 5pm on Monday, 14 November in the main school hall.

There is some funding available to support students wanting to take part in the award if circumstances might make funding the trip more difficult. Please do get in touch with us if you would like to discuss this further.

Next Steps

If your child would like to complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award this year, please complete the attached permission slip and medical form and ask them to return it to Miss Cooper in the Maths Department, Mr Crowley in the Humanities Office, or to their form tutor. This must be handed in by Friday, 30 September. The £30 can be paid through MCAS. If you have any questions, feel free to email the DofE email address on dofe@thomastallis.org.uk.

Best wishes,



Abbie Cooper and Fergal Crowley
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinators

| Please tick the correct column | Yes | No |
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| I give permission for my child to participate in the above-named trip | | |
| I give permission for the teacher in charge to authorise any urgent medical treatment and will complete and return the medical form. | | |
| My child has a medical condition which may affect them on this trip. I will give further details on the medical form. | | |

Name of Trip: **Duke of Edinburgh**

Name of Student:

Tutor group:

Emergency contact number:

Signature of parent or carer:

Date: