



31<sup>st</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Award**

I am delighted to be able to offer our year 9 and 10 students the opportunity to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award now that The Ongar Academy has become a licensed program centre. As the world's leading youth achievement award, our young people will be given the opportunity to push their personal boundaries, gain new skills and enhance their CV's and University applications.

The Bronze award not only requires our students to complete an outdoor expedition but also to devote a minimum amount of time focusing on 3 categories:

- Volunteering section
- Skills section
- Physical section

The students at The Ongar Academy are already committing time to all of these categories at school and within the community and the DofE award will allow them to track their contribution and their impact on the people around them. For more information at the first instance, please access the DofE website at; [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org).

The initial sign-up cost per student is £30 and the expedition and training costs are estimated to be approximately £100 (including all equipment). I hope to be able to reduce this by fundraising within the school. This will all be explained further at our DofE meeting that you will receive an invite to if you are interested in enrolling your child onto this program. Please return the completed slip below to the respective form tutor Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February and you will receive your invite to our information meeting shortly thereafter.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Coleman  
DofE Coordinator

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I, Parent/Carer of ....., Form.....

want to enroll my son/daughter on to the Duke of Edinburgh program.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

*Please return to Form Tutor by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019*

Headteacher: Mr. A. Osborne

**INSPIRING EXCELLENCE**

