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Dear Parent/Carer,

I'm delighted to let you know that we are about to launch our recruitment for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE).

Why do DofE?

Doing DofE is a brilliant way for your young person to discover just how much they are capable of. It gives young people the chance to make new friends, follow their passions, learn new skills and make a difference in our community. Gaining a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too. It's also non-competitive and a powerful way for every young person to build belief in themselves, whatever their background, interests and abilities.

How it works

Students will be working towards the DofE Award – Bronze. To achieve this, your child will need to complete four sections – Volunteering, Physical, Skills and an Expedition. Students can choose what they would like to do for the first three sections, and we will provide all the guidance and support they need. The Expedition involves spending two days and one night in the countryside, and again we'll make sure that our young people are fully prepared for it.

Next steps

We hope many of our students will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. On Thursday 1st October, Year 9 pupils will attend an assembly led by a DofE representative, who will explain what the program involves and how students can take part.

Additionally, we have planned an information event for parents and students on Thursday 8th October at 6:00pm in the main hall.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me; jedrzejewskie@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk The DofE website – www.dofe.org - has a lot of useful information too.

Thank you for your support. I hope you'll agree that the DofE is the perfect way for your child to feel ready for anything.

Yours sincerely,



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