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Dear Year 10 Parents/Carers

Re: Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award

I am writing to you with the exciting news that Helsby High School is soon to launch the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award. We will be offering this to Year 10 students only.

The DofE will give students the chance to do something completely new and improve on things they are already doing. It will take them out of their comfort zone and into a place where they will push themselves and have amazing new experiences. Students will build confidence, resilience, skills for work and friendship groups. Looking forward, the DofE can help students to carve out a better future. Colleges, universities and employers regard a DofE Award highly.

A Bronze DofE Award has four sections, Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. Students must do a minimum of 3 months activity for each of the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections, and plan, train for and do a 2 day (1 night) Expedition. Students will only be eligible for the expedition section of the award once there is evidence in place that the other sections are being met.

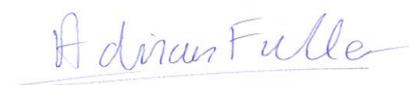
The cost for the initial Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and access to the DofE online account is £29 per student. The cost to complete the expeditions (one practice and one assessed) including training, the hire of camping and basic cooking equipment will be in the region of £250 per student. Therefore, we predict the total cost of the Bronze Award to be **£279**. It is important to note that we do reserve the right to withdraw a student from the Bronze Award expeditions if behaviour and effort in school becomes a concern.

There will be an information assembly for all Year 10 students later this month giving full details of the application process. If you would like to express an interest in your child completing the award or have any questions please email DofE@helsbyhigh.org.uk by **Friday 26th January 2018.**

Further details of the award in general can be found at www.dofe.org

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Fuller
Duke of Edinburgh Award Coordinator