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Dear Parent / Carer,

I'm pleased to let you know that Orchard Mead offers the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) Certificate of Achievement to students in Year 9 and 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.

The Certificate of Achievement involves completing part of the Duke of Edinburgh award - Physical, Skills and Volunteering sections – this is an accredited award which is recognised by education centres and employers.

About the DofE

The DofE is non-competitive and open to all young people – it's about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries. Through their DofE, students will make friends and memories and build traits like confidence, resilience and self-esteem, which can benefit mental health. They'll gain skills and attributes for work and life, like problem-solving, team-working and self-motivation – and they'll achieve an Award that's recognised by top employers and can help them stand out when applying for university or jobs.

Every young person's DofE programme is personal to them – they can choose what they'd like to do for their Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections, and most activities can count. We will provide guidance and support, and students can either choose to continue an activity they already do or discover something completely new. Activities for each section take a minimum of one hour a week over a set period of time, so they can fit around studying, hobbies and social lives. We have lots of suggestions for each. For more details about programmes and timescales visit DofE.org/do.

Below is an example of a pupils activities that they completed the award last year.

Section	Activity
Skill	Cooking at home
Physical	Badminton club
Volunteering	Helping in the library

Signing up

The cost of the award is £23. This is for the participant place needed to register your child on the award. This is an award that will stay with them for life and get set them apart from others when applying for jobs. You can track everything of the edofe app and it only takes 6 months to complete.

If you are interested in the award or have any questions speak to Miss Noble in the PE Department.

Yours faithfully,

Jess Noble

Duke of Edinburgh Manager