EATON BANK ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Duke of Edinburgh

I'm pleased to let you know that Eaton Bank offers the Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) to students in Year 9 and above.
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.
As the co-ordinator of Eaton Bank's Duke of Edinburgh Programme, I wanted to send you some information about what a DofE programme involves, the benefits for your child and how they can sign up.

About the DofE
The DofE is non-competitive and open to all young people – it's about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries. There are three levels of DofE programme which, when successfully completed, lead to a Bronze Award in Year 9, a Silver Award in Year 10 and a Gold Award in Year 12.
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.
To achieve their Award, participants must complete four sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical and their Expedition.
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. For more details about programmes and timescales visit **https://www.dofe.org/do**

About the expedition

The Expedition section involves your child working as part of a small team to plan their expedition's aim, choose a route and do some training to make sure they're fully prepared – before spending three days and two nights in the countryside.

The training sessions will each be an hour after school on dates to be confirmed.
The expedition dates are expected to be as follows:

Practice (April 2027)	**Assessed** (June 2027)
Thursday 22nd April – Saturday 24th April	Wednesday 17th June – Saturday 19th June

Please note these may change depending on number of participants.

For those that participated in the Bronze Award, it is only possible to begin the Silver award officially once Bronze has been completed. For this reason, we ask that the bronze award is completed 3 months prior to the silver practice expedition.

eDofE and the DofE app

Participants can create their DofE programme and record their progress using eDofE, the DofE's digital system, available online at eDofE.org and through the DofE app – downloadable for free from Google Play and the App Store.
If your child decides to enrol, we will set up their eDofE account and they will receive details of how to sign in and get started. We will also hold an eDofE launch session.

Signing up
The cost of registering for the DofE is £33 for Silver. This covers your child's participation place and Welcome Pack, which will be sent to their home address and includes their personalised DofE Discount Card.

The Silver expeditions are expected to be £162.75 **each** - £325.50 in total.

If your child would like to participate in Duke of Edinburgh, please complete the attached form, and return it to myself, before 25th September and make the £33 payment on ParentPay.
Return of the form and registration payment are both required for registration onto the programme. We cannot accept registrations after this point.

We would like all students to participate and wish to stress that no child will be excluded on the grounds of inability to pay, please contact me by email at **b.corscadden@eatonbank.org** if you wish to discuss this.

Since our expeditions are run by an external provider, we require full payment of the expedition balance 3 months before each expedition. If payment is not made by this point, then your child will not be able to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh expedition.
A full refund will be available if your child decides not to participate 3 months before the first expedition.
After this point, it is not possible to change the amount of booked places and you will be required to pay the full balance of your child's expeditions.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to helping your child to achieve through their DofE.

Yours faithfully,
Brendan Corscadden
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator
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Duke of Edinburgh Enrolment Form

Student Name: _____

Form: _____

Declaration:

I agree to enrol as a participant on a DofE programme. I understand that I will be managing my programme using the online *e*DofE system. I acknowledge that this system has a set of terms and conditions that I agree to. These terms and conditions are available at **www.eDofE.org**

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Consent to enrol from parent or guardian (if applicant is under 18 years old).

I agree to my son / daughter / ward doing a DofE programme. I note that it is my responsibility to check that any activity my son / daughter / ward undertakes for their DofE programme is appropriately managed and insured, unless the activity is directly managed or organised by their DofE group, centre or Licensed Organisation.

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Note:

Data supplied on this form and in *e*DofE and information about DofE activities recorded in *e*DofE will be used by the DofE Charity, the Licensed Organisation and DofE centre to monitor and manage DofE participation and progress by young people and manage and support Leaders.

The DofE Charity will use personal data to communicate useful and relevant information to either help participants complete a DofE programme, Leaders/LOs to run DofE programmes more effectively or help the DofE Charity to improve the quality and breadth of its programmes.

We also send emails that contain information about the Charity, DofE negotiated privileged discounts and invites to events and other activities however if you would like to receive these emails you will need to opt in. Once you have opted-in to this you can opt out at any time by visiting **www.dofe.org/preferences**, or clicking the unsubscribe link that can be found at the bottom of all non-programme related email.