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Dear Parent(s) & Carer(s),

I'm pleased to let you know that The Roseland Academy offers the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) to students in Year 9.

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 Roseland Academy's DofE Manager, 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, Silver or Gold Award.

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 Bronze Award, participants must complete four sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical and their Expedition. A **minimum of two sections** must be completed before the expedition takes place.

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 (3 or 6 months), so they can fit around studying, hobbies and social lives. For more details about programmes and timescales visit [www.DofE.org/do](http://www.DofE.org/do).

Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition
3 Months	3 Months	3 Months	Plan, train for and complete a 2 day, 1 night expedition
<i>All participants must undertake a <b>further 3 months</b> in the Volunteering, Physical <b>or</b> Skills Section</i>			

## 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 two days and one night in the countryside.

Ahead of this, they will take part in training after school school covering basic expedition principles and introducing them to expedition equipment.

There will also be a number of training sessions in school in which your child and their group will plan their route and prepare. Participants will only be able to do their expedition if they attend the organised training. The expedition will take place during the summer term 2025, with further details about pre-expedition training to follow.

## 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](http://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.

## Signing up

The cost of taking part in the Bronze DofE is £65 per participant. This covers your child's participation place and Welcome Pack, which will be sent to their home address after their first sign in on the eDofE app and includes their personalised DofE Discount Card. It also contributes towards the expedition costs. To begin the enrolment process, a non-refundable payment of £28 is required to be paid via the School Gateway by **Wednesday 23 October 2024**, with the final sum of £65 due by **Friday 14 February 2025**.

If your child would like to take part, please complete the Google Form (link available on the Academy's Facebook page or via the link here (<https://forms.gle/7zp4jjsJp4xYHrKn7>))

Please find more information about the DofE at [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org) and on the PDF attached to the email. If you would like any further information in the meantime, please feel free to contact me.

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

Yours faithfully,

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