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Dear Parent/Carer,

BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Thank you for signing up your child for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. This is the second year that we are running this award at BSCS and we are very excited about providing this opportunity for Year 9 students – we hope that they are just as excited!

Your child will have received an email to their school email address with their log in details for the eDofE account. This is where they will be inputting their activities for the skills, physical and volunteering sections. The students are now also part of the Bronze DofE Google Classroom, where all information will be uploaded for them to access, including the information provided during the first session for students which took place on the 11th November.

Activities – these need to be additional to what they already do in the school timetable. For example, PE lessons would not count towards the physical section but an additional music lesson (e.g. singing lessons or piano lessons) would count towards the skills section. If your child is not sure what they would like to do for each section, the DofE website has lots of ideas (Opportunity Finder - participants - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award).

Timescales – one section must be completed over six months, the other two sections must be completed over three months. They need to be able to do roughly one hour a week of each activity

Assessors – the assessor must be an adult over the age of 18, who is not a family member or someone who lives with the child. They can be a tutor or school teacher, but the student must ask the adult's permission first before using them as an assessor.

Evidence – once students have filled in their details for each section, they can start uploading evidence. This evidence can be a photo or a written description of what they have completed and uploaded onto their eDofE account.

The Expeditions
Students will complete a practice expedition on the 1st and 2nd April, and their assessed expedition on the 13th and 14th July with Off Grid Adventures. To reduce the cost of these expeditions we will be asking you to drop your child off and pick them up from the start and end points of the expedition. These will be no more than about 40 minutes away from school and once Off Grid Adventures have confirmed the exact locations and times, I will pass this information on to you.

To prepare students for their expedition, Off Grid Adventures will be running sessions during the second Enrichment Day on 13th March. There will be about two after school sessions a term which will be used to check in with the students and ensure that they are on track with their skills, physical and volunteering sections. These dates will be announced on Google Classroom.

The total cost of the expeditions will be £192, which takes into account the £12 reduction from the original sign-up fee. This has been divided into two payments of £96. Please pay the first instalment by 30th November via Arbor. The other instalment deadline will be 30th January 2026.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on lily.clayton@olympustrust.co.uk.

Kind regards,

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