

Dear Parent/Carer.

I'm delighted to let you know that we are about to launch our recruitment for the Bronze (Year 9/10) & Silver (Year 10 only) Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE).

## Why do DofE?

Doing DofE is a brilliant way for your young person to discover just how much they are capable of. It gives young people the chance to make new friends, follow their passions, learn new skills and make a difference in our community. Gaining a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too.

## How it works

There are three levels of DofE Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. To achieve the awards, your child will need to complete four sections – Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the Expedition.

Students can choose what they would like to do for the first three sections, and we will provide all the guidance and support they need.

## **Next steps**

We hope many of our students, at AVS, will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. The cost is £25.50 per person for the registration fee (non-refundable). The School Gateway for payment is now open.

If your child is interested in taking part but the cost is prohibitive, students are able to use their Pupil Premium to assist with the cost. Please email <a href="mailto:finance@avonvalleyschool.uk">finance@avonvalleyschool.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:jmortimer@avonvalleyschool.uk">jmortimer@avonvalleyschool.uk</a>.

Registration fee deadline is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023. Once all of the registrations for students' are finalised, a surgery date will be confirmed so that students are able to start the programme by selecting the activities in each section.

The cost of the Expedition will be announced once we know the total number of students taking part.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact Jayne Mortimer, DofE Manager, via email: jmortimer@avonvalleyschool.uk. The DofE website – www.dofe.org - has a lot of useful information too.

Thank you for your support. I hope you'll agree that the DofE is the perfect way for your child to feel ready for anything.

Kind Regards,

Jayne Mortimer DofE Manager at AVS