THE WELLS ACADEMY

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6th November 2026

Dear Families

Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Bronze Award

We are pleased to offer your child the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Bronze Award. Taking part in DofE gives students the chance to try new experiences, become more independent and work as part of a team. It helps develop important life skills such as communication and independence, as well as our core values of integrity, resilience and ambition. The award is highly regarded by colleges, universities and employers.

Most importantly, DofE is an enjoyable and rewarding experience that encourages students to step outside their comfort zone, make lasting memories and to grow as a person. We offer this programme as part of our commitment to develop character in our students.

The DofE Bronze Award is a globally recognised programme that helps young people develop new skills, build confidence and challenge themselves. Students complete activities in four sections:

- Volunteering – students help others at school or in their community.
- Physical – students improve in a sport or physical activity.
- Skills – students learn a new skill or develop an existing one.
- Expedition – planning, training for, and completing a team expedition. This will be a hiking and camping trip outside of Nottingham.

We encourage all students to consider joining the Bronze Award programme. There is a £25 deposit to be paid to enrol onto the programme and a further £100 to be paid to cover the expedition. This has been subsidised by the academy to keep costs down. We would also look to support individual families with additional financial support on a case by case basis.

If you are interested, please complete and return the attached form by Friday 13th November. An option will then be added to ParentPay for the deposit.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at cmcgarry@thewellsacademy.org.

Yours faithfully

Mr C McGarry
Duke of Edinburgh Lead