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Parents and Carers of Years 9 and 10:

Duke of Edinburgh Award at William Ellis School

Benefits

Young people are facing unprecedented challenges, making the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award more relevant and important than ever. It helps young people emotionally and physically. As the world's leading youth achievement award, the DofE equips them with the skills, experience and confidence to successfully navigate adult life.

The DofE builds the character and attitude that research shows businesses prioritise over academic results. No other programme offers the same range of experiences and opportunities.

Under the current circumstances it also offers many instant benefits to mental and physical health and the local community.

Please see the following link for accounts of the benefits of the award: [The Latest - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](https://www.dofe.org/)

The Award

The award is comprised of 4 sections:

- 3 sections (**volunteering, physical and skills**) can be carried out under lockdown conditions. Each of these sections needs to happen for a minimum of one hour per week for 3 months (one of them, of your choice, must be 6 months). Please see attached the (not-exhaustive) list of activities that are applicable under lockdown conditions.
- For the 4th section (expedition) we will need to wait and see what happens in the summer regarding COVID restrictions (even if the expeditions do not go ahead there will still be an award available for completion of the 3 aforementioned sections).

There will be a short DofE assembly online on **Monday, 1st February at 11.15am**, which, given the circumstances, you are now be welcome to join as well if you'd like more information!

In the meanwhile, if you have any further questions, please look at <https://www.dofe.org/>

Taking Part

If you would like your son to take part in the award, then can you please:

1. Fill out this form: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=T_RtZGf1r0KbB32KQY1B2KPSaMR28G5BsD4C7ng7r0hUMzFNQ1dYNEVQVjJTTfJUNTRRRRTZTSVdUSS4u
2. Email Mrs Smith smithd@williamellis.camden.sch.uk to ask her to open a ParentPay for DofE for your son.
3. Pay the £22 enrolment fee via ParentPay.