



Dear parent/carer,

I'm delighted to let you know that we are about to launch the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) here at Earlston High School. I'm the DofE Co-ordinator for the School and wanted to write to let you know more about what's involved.

### Why do DofE?

Doing their 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. Achieving a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too. And it helps young people to see themselves differently and gain a new level of confidence. We always say that after taking on your DofE, you know that whatever life throws at you, you're ready to deal with it.

The DofE is non-competitive and a powerful way for every young person to build belief in themselves, whatever their background, interests and abilities.

### How it works

There are three levels of DofE Award - Bronze, Silver and Gold. To achieve their Award, your young person will need to complete four sections - Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the Expedition.

Young people can choose what they would like to do for the first three sections, and we will provide all the guidance and support they need. The Expedition involves spending 2 days and 1 night in the countryside. We provide comprehensive training beforehand to ensure everyone is fully prepared and has the best possible experience.

### Next steps

We hope that all our S3/4, who wish to participate, take up this opportunity to get involved with DofE. The cost for the Bronze programme is £150.00 per person, which covers enrolment fees, certification as well as access to group equipment and camp fees for the expedition element. All payments should be made through Parent Pay. If your child is interested in taking part, but the cost is prohibitive, please do speak to me as we may be able to arrange financial support.

We have uploaded a **DofE information pack**, including enrolment form onto all young people's Glow accounts via the whole year Microsoft Teams area.

Enrolment forms should be returned either by email to [martyn.lawrenson@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:martyn.lawrenson@scotborders.gov.uk) or handed in to the school office by no later than **4pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. The DofE website [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org) also has lots of useful information too. I hope you'll agree that the DofE is the perfect way for your young person to feel ready for anything.

Yours faithfully,

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