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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 9 students

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award launch

I am delighted to introduce myself to you as the Duke of Edinburgh Manager and to let you know that we are now ready to launch our recruitment for the Bronze Award. The students have had an introductory assembly with me this morning and I have attached the PowerPoint I showed them. As you may already know West Kirby Grammar School now holds its own operating licence which means we are a Directly Licensed Centre.

Participating in DofE is a brilliant way for young people to discover how much they are capable of. It is a powerful way for them to build belief in themselves, whatever their background, interests and abilities. Working towards this award, your child/ward will have the chance to make new friends, learn new skills and make a difference in our community. Gaining a DofE award is a great way to impress employers too.

Bronze is the first of three levels of the DofE award. To achieve this award, your child will need to complete four sections – Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the Expedition. Students can choose what they wish to do for the first three sections, and we will provide them with guidance and support along the way. The expedition will involve spending one night away from home, and again we will ensure that our participants are fully prepared for this adventure.

We hope that many of our Year 9 students will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. The cost of the full award will be £190 per person, however at this stage all we would ask for is a £30 deposit to cover the cost of the Welcome to DofE pack. If your child/ward is interested in taking part but the cost is prohibitive, please do speak to me as we may be able to offer some financial assistance.

Please get in touch if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

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