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Dear Parents,

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in the 'D of E' (The Duke of Edinburgh's Award).

What is the Award? (section reproduced from the D of E web site www.theaward.org)

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, a registered charity, is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of activities for anyone aged 14-25. It offers an individual challenge and encourages young people to undertake exciting, constructive, challenging and enjoyable activities in their free time. Just over 7% of those in the UK aged 14-17 participate in the Award, through Award Groups in youth clubs, voluntary organisations, Open Award Centres, schools, colleges, young offender institutes and businesses.

The Award is a four Section Programme with three progressive levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. The Sections involve: Service (helping the community); Skills (a hobby, skill or interest); Physical Recreation (sports, dance, fitness); Expeditions (on foot, cycle, horseback, or water); Residential Project - Gold only (an enterprise with people not known to the participant). Each year, Award Participants provide over one million hours of service to the community whilst, in the expeditions Section, they collectively covered over one million miles.

At any one time, around 225,000 participants are trying for an Award in the UK alone, with around 110,000 taking up its challenge each year. Approximately 70,000 volunteers share their skills, enthusiasm and time to help guide the participants through their Awards, learning new skills and making friends themselves along the way.

Costs:

- £30 for each eDofE level (Bronze/Silver/Gold)
- There will be additional costs depending on the type of Service, Skill, Physical Recreation & Expedition they undertake.

It is impossible to quantify this, as for some there will be no extra cost at all, as they link in with organizations & select Skill & Physical Recreation activities which they can do at no extra cost, others will choose to join clubs, attend courses which all have their own fees.

- Expedition, this widely varies from the relatedly cheap walking expeditions on Woodbury common to Gold canoe expedition on the Tarn in France. The level; Bronze = 2 days, Silver 3 days, Gold 4 days. The size of the group also makes a difference when paying for external assessors/trainers 4 is the minimum for an expedition.

*Would you please pay
theses payments by cheque,
marked with the **child's**
name & '**D of E**' written on
the back.*

This is an excellent qualification which at Gold level is given the same point score as an A-Level for University Entrance & the world of work, giving the pupils a rare opportunity to show their own drive & ambition. The whole award is completed in their free time & so requires a lot of self determination & discipline to complete.

I do hope you will support your child's interest in this long adventure.

John Jenner Jnr.

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Mums & Dads can make a big impact!

Parents, friends, & parents work contacts, can enhance the programme on offer to the pupils. You do not have to hold a formal qualification to mentor a pupil in an area, just an enthusiastic approach to your interest. A few interests, canoeing or trampolining for example would require an appropriate coaching qualifications, but most do not.

If you are working with a pupil not related to you, you would need to be Police checked, a simple procedure to ensure you are not listed by the Police as an inappropriate person to work with children.

We all have interests & skills, which could be followed by our D of E candidates.

The Award aims to extend pupil's experiences, skills & interests, as such if possible we encourage pupils to start something new for the award & if possible in a new environment.

However the Award is a marathon & so for many pupils just completing the award is a major achievement, these pupils may choose to tap into existing activities they are involved with & take them onto a new level with the Award.

The most important thing is that they get involved with the Award & follow it through to completion.

The award is split into 4 sections

1. Service
2. Skill
3. Physical recreation
4. Expedition

On the school & DofE is the :

- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award **at a GLANCE** leaflet.

Expedition

The aim of the Expedition Section is to encourage a spirit of adventure and discovery by preparing for and carrying out an adventurous journey as part of a Team.

At Bronze level they undertake a 2 day & 1 night expedition by; walking, cycling, horse riding, Canoeing, Rowing or Sailing, **with NO direct supervision**.

On the following page are some activities that pupils can tap into in school to complete the different sections. This is only a tiny list of the opportunities that are available, there are so many clubs/organisations that pupils can tap into out of school too.

Exeter Library keeps an online catalogue of all club/organisations in Devon, which you can search for a particular interest, the long link is listed below.

www.devon.gov.uk/eal/comminfo/asp/organisation/subjects2.asp?subject_101=10&subject_101Desc=Leisure

or

www.devon.gov.uk

Then follow the links on the right of the page; Libraries, Community Organisations, Leisure.

Gets you to the same place.

If you are not aware of the risks involved or the procedures we put in place to manage these, please ask myself, in person or by e-mail & I will be most happy to describe the activity in greater detail, explaining the potential risks your child will be exposed to.

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Look on the website www.DofE.org for a complete list of all the activities you could follow.
 Looking under the right-hand menu 'Award Sections'
 This then gives a more detailed breakdown of the sort of thing you need to do for each activity.

| Skills: The aim is to encourage the discovery and development of practical and social skills and personal interests. | Volunteering: The aim is to encourage service to individuals and to the community. | Physical: The aim is to encourage participation and improvement in physical activity. |
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| <p>Opportunities in School: These must be undertaken in the students free time, ie; clubs, lunchtime, or after school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musical instrument • Choir • Singing • Religion • Chess • ICT • Maths • Needlecraft • Dance • Canoe building • Navigation • Aquarium keeping • Drama/Theatre • Horse handling & Care • Journalism • Public Speaking • Writing • Newsletters • Sports appreciation • Sports officiating • Athletics officiating • Reading • Sewing • Knitting • Embroidery • Photography • Art • Canoe Building • Keeping of Pets • Gardening • Plant Growing • Languages • Library Skills • Table Tennis • Table Games • Fantasy Games | <p>Opportunities in School: These must be undertaken in the students free time, ie; clubs, lunchtime, or after school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening to the younger children in MCS read once a week. <p>Helping a Charity of Community Organisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCU Lifeguards • Fundraising • Faith communities • Mountain Rescue • Religious Education • SOS Kit Aid • Surf Lifesaving <p>Community Action & Raising Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changemakers • Drugs & Peer Edu. • Home accident prevention • Personal safety • Road safety <p>Coaching, Teaching & Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATC • ACF • Award Leadership • Boys' Brigade • Campaigners • CCF • Dance Leadership • Girlguiding UK • Girls Venture Corps • Outdoor Leadership • Scout Association • Sea Cadets • Sports Leadership • St John Ambulance Leadership | <p>Opportunities in School: These must be undertaken in the students free time, ie; clubs, lunchtime, or after school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming • Football • Netball • Basketball • Walking • Canoeing/Kayaking • Orienteering • x-country • Badminton • Rounders • Trampolining • Tenpin bowling • Keep-fit • Snow Sports • Hockey • Tennis • Table Tennis • Sub Aqua • Cycling • Dance • Diving • Fitness • Golf • Horse Riding • Martial Arts • Rock Climbing • Sailing • Snorkelling • Volleyball. |

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Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Enrolment Form for Award Office

PLEASE PRINT

Surname: **Forename(s):**

Address:

Postcode: **Home Tel:**

E-Mail:

Date of Birth: **Age:** **Male / Female ***

Award Group: Magdalen Court School

Group Leader's Name: John Jenner

I would like to enter the Award at; **Bronze / Silver /Gold** level. *

Signature of Applicant: **Date:**

Consent of Parent / Guardian (for young people under 18 years)

I agree to my son/daughter/ward* participating in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. We sometimes use photographs for publicity purposes – if you do not wish photographs to be used please tick box

Name (please print)

Signature: **Date:**

Optional Information (will be held in confidence and only used for statistical analysis)

I would describe myself as: **White - British / Irish/Other***

Asian or Asian British – Indian / Pakistani / Bangladeshi/other*

Black or Black British – Caribbean / White & Black African / White & Asian / Other*

I consider myself to have disability. **Yes / No**

* **Please delete**

The information on this form will be held on a database and is covered by the Data Protection Act.

Please return to the Award Group Leader

(Group Leader please return to Award Office)

ID Number: _ _ / _ _ _ , _ _ _ **Date of Issue:**