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Dear Parent/ Carer

Re. Bronze DofE Award

I am writing because your young person has expressed interest in undertaking their Bronze DofE Award aspart of Breadalbane Academy's 2026/27 Bronze DofE group. I note for clarity that the Breadalbane Academy DofE team is a voluntary group supported by teaching staff and members of the community.

The Bronze Award requires a commitment of at least 6 months and is comprised of four sections: Volunteering, Skills, Physical, and Expedition. The Volunteering, Skills and Physical sections involve undertaking an appropriate activity on a regular basis (usually one hour per week) for 6 months or 3 months depending on the timescales chosen by the participants.

This is an extracurricular award and therefore your young person is responsible for identifying and completing their Volunteering, Skills and Physical activities and getting these signed off by Assessors. Your young person is responsible for identifying their own Assessors and communicating directly with them. I shall support your young person as best I can, such as leading them through the administration of this award and checking on their progress. To enable me to do this, your young person shall need to attend a series of compulsory Wednesday lunchtime meetings and communicate regularly with me in person and over Teams. Your young person should be prepared to attend these lunchtime meetings in person from August until the October holidays.

The Breadalbane Academy DofE team also organize and facilitate a series of expeditions for your young person to ensure that they are adequately trained and have the opportunity to pass their 'Expedition' element of their award.

This typically includes:

A Practice Expedition - (2 days, 1 night) in April
A Qualifying Expedition - (2 days, 1night) in May

There will be walking expeditions led by members of the Breadalbane Academy DofE team. I will provide more detailed information in 2027 as the dates for this are provisional at this time. These shall take place during the school week – typically a Tuesday/Wednesday. Please ensure your young person can access and communicate with me over our DofE Teams page to ensure that they (and you) have the most up to date information.

In advance of attending these expeditions, your young person will need to complete a series of compulsory expedition classroom sessions. These shall take place after school on Monday evenings from 3.45pm to 4.45pm from January 2027.

Breadalbane Academy appreciates that the necessary cost of some school trips/activities can present a financial challenge and are keen to support pupils and their families by considering trip bursaries and payment plans where appropriate. **If you would like to discuss financial assistance for these trips, please contact the school office at your earliest convenience.**

If you are happy for your child to undertake their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award, please couldyou make payment of £55.50 which has been set up on ParentPay. This fee is based on £33 registration fee, £10 contribution to expedition transport costs and £12.50 for kit repair/replacement. **Payments must be made by lunchtime on Friday 12th June.**

I am delighted to say that we had an outstanding amount of interest in completing the award with the Breadalbane Academy DofE team this year. It is critical that your young person continues to meet the requirements of the award, such as following instructions, physically completing their sections and regularly updating their evidence. They must also attend meetings and communicate regularly with me. If your young person does not meet these requirements then they will not be permitted to attend the walking expeditions led by members of the Breadalbane Academy DofE team. In this event you will be informed in advance of the expedition.

Should you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact me via the schodtelephone number or email address.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Lumsden
Bronze D of E Volunteer Leader
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