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Dear parent or carer,

I'm delighted to let you know that we are launching the **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)** at John Cabot Academy. I am the DofE Manager and wanted to provide some key information about the award.

Why take part in DofE?
DofE is a fantastic opportunity for young people to **challenge themselves, develop new skills, build confidence and make a positive contribution to their community**. Students can make new friends, pursue their interests and develop skills that will benefit them both in school and beyond. DofE is non-competitive and open to all young people, regardless of their interests, background or abilities.

How does it work?
This year, we will be offering the **Bronze Award**, with the opportunity to progress to Silver in Year 10. To complete the Bronze Award, students must complete four sections:

- **Volunteering**
- **Physical**
- **Skills**
- **Expedition**

Students can choose their own activities for the first three sections, with guidance and support from the school.

The Expedition involves **two days and one night in the countryside**. Students will receive comprehensive training beforehand to ensure they are well prepared and confident.

Costs and next steps
The cost of taking part is:

- **£33** – DofE registration and eDofE online account
- **£155** – Expedition costs, payable in three instalments

Financial support may be available for students facing hardship, including those eligible for **Targeted Free School Meals.** Where funding is limited, support will be prioritised based on level of need.

We will be holding an **information event for parents, carers and students on Tuesday 13th October at 5:40pm in the Main Hall at John Cabot Academy**.

If you have any questions, please welcome to contact me at JCAInfo@clf.uk marked FAO: Craig Barrable. Further information is also available at www.dofe.org.

I hope your young person will take this opportunity to get involved and discover what they are capable of through DofE. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Barrable
DofE Manager
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