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September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Launch of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

We are delighted to announce that Avonbourne will once again be offering students the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) at bronze, silver **and** gold level. This is a highly regarded programme that encourages young people to develop independence, resilience, leadership, and teamwork while also giving back to their communities.

To introduce the scheme and explain how students can get involved, we would like to invite you to a **Parent & Student Launch Meeting**:



Date: Tuesday 15th September 2026



Time: 5.00-6.00pm



Location: B Block Hall, Avonbourne Academies, Harewood Avenue

At this meeting, we will provide:

- An overview of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and its different levels.
- Information about the commitments and opportunities involved.
- Details of the costs, equipment, and support available.
- Key dates for training sessions, expeditions, and activities.
- Guidance on how to register and next steps.

The evening will also give parents and students a chance to ask questions and hear from staff who will be leading the programme, including Land & Wave who will be delivering the expedition side of the awards.

If you aim to attend, then please complete this short Microsoft form [Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening - Confirmation of attendance – Fill in form](#) by Friday 11th September, 2026.

We strongly encourage all interested students to attend with a parent or carer so that you can gain a clear understanding of what the Award involves before making a commitment. In the meantime, please take a moment to watch the following DofE introduction video <https://youtu.be/yN7wTcxK408> and/or visit the DofE website [DofE - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#) if you wish to look at more specific information for each of the levels prior to the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the launch event and to supporting our students as they embark on this exciting and rewarding journey.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Ballantyne, DofE Lead

Principal: Michelle Dyer