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Dear Parent/ Carer,

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award 2019 - 2020

Following another successful year of The Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) program running at The Morley Academy, we would now like to introduce this year's Bronze Award to any Year 9 students who may be interested in taking part this academic year by inviting you to a parental information evening on Tuesday 17 September 2019.

The Bronze Award is open to all Year 9 students and will help your son/daughter gain a huge array of additional transferable skills and have incredible experiences whilst making friends for life. The award encourages teamwork and social interaction and helps young people to stand out from the crowd when applying for university, apprenticeships and employment opportunities.

How does it work?

The Bronze award will involve 6 months' commitment to complete all 4 sections detailed below:

- **Volunteering:** Giving help in the local community (e.g. coaching or mentoring younger students, working at a charity shop)
- **Physical:** Covering most sports, dance or elements of fitness (e.g. canoeing, rugby, netball, mountain biking)
- **Skill:** Covering almost any hobby, skill or interest (e.g. ICT, art, vehicle maintenance, music, drama productions, faith)
- **Expeditions:** Training for, planning and completing a 2 day expedition on foot. Students will be expected to supply their own expedition equipment.

The Cost

The first payment is an enrolment fee of £25.00 which signs young people onto the award. This will need to be paid after the parental information evening. An additional payment of £30.00 is then required to cover the cost of the expeditions - campsites, transportation and equipment, which will need to be paid in March 2020. This means that the total cost of the DofE Bronze Award per student is £55.00.

An inability to make a full contribution will not bar your child from participating in the DofE award; please make an application to our Supporting Achievement Fund (SAF) if this is the case. Full details are published on our website at www.morley.leeds.sch.uk. Please note this application must be submitted before the first payment deadline. Applications made after this date will only be accepted if a change in circumstances can be evidenced.

Please be aware that Parent Pay is our only method of payment and this can be accessed by the academy website or www.parentpay.com. All parents/carers have a secure online account, activated using a unique username and password. You should have already received this information, however, reminders can be provided. If you have any queries regarding payment, please contact the finance team (0113) 3075439.

For students who are interested in taking part, the parental information evening will be taking place in the main hall on Tuesday 17 September 6:30pm-7:30pm, parents/carers and students are all welcome to attend. After the meeting you will be able to decide whether your child would like to take part and then complete the enrolment forms and make the first payment. If you have any queries or would like any more information before then, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Haywood via the details listed below.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Haywood
DofE Manager