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Dear Parent/Carer

As your child is participating on the Duke of Edinburgh Award, this letter will explain the next steps and expectations that will allow them to complete the award. The D of E is an excellent programme that will challenge your child and show that they have a valuable skill set that is appreciated by colleges, universities and employers.

The award has 4 challenges (visit the D of E web page for more information) that need to be completed (below) as well as a number of in school sessions.

The challenges:

Physical – a weekly physical activity for either 3 or 6 months. For example, a sports team, dance or after school club.

Volunteering – volunteer to help at an organised venue/club for either 3 or 6 months. For example, a youth group, paired reading at school, a sports team, a dance group.

Skill – learn a new skill for either 3 or 6 months. For example, a language, cooking, a musical instrument, or any other skill!

All the challenges need an assessor that isn't a family member, for example a teacher, coach, youth worker etc.

The completion of the above challenges is often the reason the participant fails to complete the award as it is up to them to turn up each week. This said, the academy offers opportunities to complete each challenge, your child just needs to turn up and take part!

To keep students motivated and on track with their challenges **we will meet weekly AT THE START of Thursday lunchtimes**, I will let students know where via their tutors. Students must commit to these meetings.

The expedition is run by the school and involves a number of after school sessions (dates tbc), a Saturday or Sunday training session and a weekend to complete the qualifying expedition. The dates are as follows:

10th & 11th May – a Saturday or Sunday expedition training day. Participant must commit to 1 of the days.

17th & 18th May – qualifying weekend 1. Participant must commit to both days.

5th & 6th July – qualifying weekend 2. Participant must commit to both days.

NB: You need to do 1 training day and 1 qualifying expedition.

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The **initial payment of £35** that you have paid goes directly to the Duke of Edinburgh Award to register. **If you cannot commit to the award let me know prior to Friday 6th December and you will receive a refund. I will be registering the group on Monday 9th December and once this happens there will be no option for a refund.** In the new year the balance of **£65** needs to be paid for transport, equipment and campsite fees – please be aware that all staff involved with the award at Morton Academy volunteer their time for free.

If you have any questions please either contact me: Andrew.richardson@rrma.org.uk or visit the Duke of Edinburgh website: <http://www.dofe.org/>.

Yours sincerely

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