St Anselm's Catholic School

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Member of the Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Parent and Student Information Evening (Online)
Wednesday 16th September 2026 6:00-7:00pm
St Anselm's Catholic School

You may already be aware that we have been successfully running the Duke of Edinburgh's Award here at St Anselm's School for over 12 years now. Many of you may already know about the Award and what it can offer but I have pieced this letter together with some general information and an invitation to an online launch evening for you and your child to attend as they have now moved into Year 9.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is an internationally recognised award that was set up by the late HRH Prince Philip and has been running for about 70 years. It was set up to encourage young people to get involved in a variety of activities outside of the classroom environment, committing to these activities for a minimum allocated time. It is widely accepted that it can help with entry into higher education (UCAS points) and is a positive benefit when applying for employment positions in their future lives.

For the Bronze Award, the participant will complete four sections to obtain the Award. These are:

Volunteering: To inspire young people to make a difference within their communities or to an individual's life and develop compassion by giving service to others.

Skill: To inspire young people to develop practical and social skills and personal interests.

Physical: To inspire young people to achieve greater physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle through participation and improvement in physical activity.

Expedition: To inspire young people to develop initiative and a spirit of adventure and discovery, by planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey as part of a team. *The Expedition section offering is something that St Anselm's are well renowned for in the local area.*

To discuss and present the outline of the Award to you and your child, a meeting has been set up via MS Teams on Wednesday 16th September at 6:00pm. This will be hosted by the DofE's Operations Officer (Ms Tara Roehner) and myself. The link is attached below:

https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/312891212316890?p=PgoiOZjDMu5SVR1cXQ

Our past students (*and parents*) have all agreed that the Award has been invaluable to their personal development and well-being at school and in their future career. I see no reason why this should change for your child's participation.

I look forward to welcoming you and your child to this presentation evening.

Yours Sincerely

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