



BRANSTON COMMUNITY
ACADEMY



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Dear Student,

Gold Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award.

I'm excited to let you know that because you have completed your Silver Award, you can now sign up to do your Gold Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award.

Continuing with your DofE gives you the chance to discover just how much you're capable of. It's also a great way to meet new people, try new things, do what you love and make a difference in your community. Through the DofE, you could try everything from surfing to salsa dancing, coding to candle making, bee keeping to BMXing. It's your call.

DofE is non-competitive and for everyone – whatever your interests, background and abilities. It's about finding the confidence to be yourself, and knowing that when things get tough, you can find a way through.

How it works:

The Gold Award is about progression from your Silver Award. So you will participate in your sections for longer and they should be more challenging than those that you participated in at Bronze and Silver. In addition, there is a new fifth section, the residential.

To achieve your Award, you'll need to complete five sections – Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the Expedition which you have done before, plus the additional Residential section. What you do for the first three sections is up to you, and we'll give you all the support you need. The Expedition involves spending four days and three nights in the countryside, in more wild country, for example the Lake District, Snowdonia or the Yorkshire Dales and again we'll make sure you're fully prepared for it. I'm the DofE Manager for Branston Community Academy, so if you think you might be interested or have any questions, do get in touch. It would be great to get a big group of students together to make the most of this opportunity. With the DofE, you can prove to yourself that you're ready for anything.

Extra information

Would you like a recap of what the meeting told you, then watch this video on the following link: [Gold | Start your DofE](#)

Yours faithfully,

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