



## THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carers

### The Duke of Edinburgh Programme

The Duke of Edinburgh ('D of E') programme gives young people aged 14 – 24, the opportunity to develop themselves in scenarios they would not normally experience. The fun but challenging expeditions take young people out of their comfort zones, whilst building confidence, teamwork, life skills and friendships. Below are some of the advantages young people get from taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh programme:

- A huge amount of fun
- Develops and nurtures teamwork skills
- Develop essential life skills including communication, decision-making, problem-solving and creative thinking
- Helps to create new and lasting friendships
- Increases self confidence
- Breaks personal barriers to experience new heights to your own skills, talent and endurance
- Great for job, college or university applications

The Mountbatten School has a strong track record of running the D of E programme, and every year, far more students participate at our school than most others. Because we think the programme is so good, this year we have set ourselves the target of trying to encourage as many members of Year 9 as possible to take part.

In order to enable you to support your child in making the most of this opportunity we would like to invite you to attend a virtual Parent's Information Evening on **Wednesday 2 November at 5.30pm**.

This meeting will be attended by Jen Hale, who is the Regional Operations Officer for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. She will lead you through the exciting opportunity that your child is being offered, what they need to do, and how you can support them. There will be a chance for you to ask any questions that you may have.

The meeting will take place online using Microsoft Teams, and will begin at 5.30pm. Please try and join the meeting 15 minutes before the meeting is due to start to ensure a timely start to the meeting. A link to join the meeting will be emailed to you on Tuesday 1 November, which will also give you help to get set up. The meeting will be recorded, and a link made available to parents in case any are unable to attend.

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I hope that you are able to attend this meeting, and that your child finds completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award a rewarding experience. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at [owen.jackaman@mountbatten.hants.sch.uk](mailto:owen.jackaman@mountbatten.hants.sch.uk).

In the meantime, you can find more information about the award here: <https://www.dofe.org/about/> and on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5AnVpUCggA>

Yours sincerely

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