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Dear Parent/Carer

Due to staffing restrictions, we have taken the difficult decision to temporarily pause our offer of enrolling Y10 students that wish to undertake the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award (DofE). This will affect students who are currently in Y9 and Y10. Our intention is to begin offering students the opportunity to enrol and participate in the Award again in September 2025.

We understand that this may be disappointing for many students who were hoping to complete their Award through school. King Ecgbert School is extremely proud of our DofE program, which has been carefully refined over the years, and the relationships that have been built with the campsites and external agencies we use and therefore have decided not to offer anything less than this high standard in the interim.

We still encourage students to participate in DofE and wholly support the values and skills that this internationally recognised youth achievement award embodies. Any students and families who are interested in undertaking their DofE Bronze Award outside of school or wish to find out more should consult the information and or advice given below.

An Introduction to the Bronze Award

– This presentation is produced by DofE.org and includes a short introductory video on slide 3
<https://www.dofe.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/DofE-Bronze-What-is-the-DofE-presentation-midlength.pdf>

How to get involved in DofE outside of school

- <https://www.dofe.org/dofe-direct>

BXM Expeditions

– This is the Approved Activity Provider that we have worked closely with over many years. They deliver expedition training and assess the expedition section and ultimately provide the Assessor Report for this section. <https://www.bxmoutdoors.com/open-expeditions/> Queries should be sent to this email address parents@bxmoutdoors.com

Yours faithfully

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