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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the Autumn Term

Your child is now entering the final term of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award and due to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic we have taken measures to help students catch up and (hopefully) achieve their award by Christmas.

The next 4 months will consist of completing a training walk and qualifying expedition, finishing off the skills section with further first aid training, completing the physical section and volunteering at the Academy. In order to achieve this, we will be running DofE enrichment sessions after the Academy day every Tuesday and Wednesday from 2:45 to 3:45pm. This time will be used to ensure that participants have uploaded evidence of their work on to the eDofE platform, have the time to complete the final planning for their expedition and to volunteer for a number of mini projects in and around the Academy.

In order to complete the award in the planned timescale, it is really important that your child attends at least one session per week between now and the end of the Autumn term. Further information on after school enrichment sessions, expedition dates and other important information will be available on the DofE notice board in the Zone and your child is encouraged to keep up to date by checking this at least once a week.

The dates for qualifying expeditions have now been confirmed as Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd or Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th October. A letter with full details of the expeditions will be available in the very near future.

Finally, if you wish to discuss any of the above or have a question about your child's involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, please don't hesitate to contact me at wilksn@omacademy.co.uk or by calling 01472 310015. Thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N Wilks', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mr N Wilks
DofE Manager

