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Dear Parents/Carers,

Volunteer Expedition Supervisor

The Duke of Edinburgh programme is becoming a huge success, with increasing numbers of participants each year. As a result, we are in need of supervisors to support the students with completing the award.

What is the DofE?

Every year, we help students from Oakmoor School to complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. As part of their programme, students will undertake the Expedition section. In teams, they will plan an adventurous journey with a common aim, which will culminate in them doing an unaccompanied, self-reliant expedition. They will complete expedition training and then do both a practice and an assessed expedition.

What will I be doing?

Expedition Supervisors work with the participants and the Expedition Assessors to help the team have a successful expedition. Expedition Supervisors will support teams throughout their expedition section, ensuring they are ready and meet all the requirements to succeed on the final expedition.

Where and when will I be volunteering?

Our expeditions are run from March to July, so the main volunteering opportunities are during that time. Expeditions happen several times a year, in locations locally and further afield, and this is the ideal role to get involved with the DofE in a flexible way.

What skills and qualifications do I need?

To get the most out of this role, you'll probably have worked with young people before and have a love of the great outdoors and walking. You'll be comfortable with the skills needed to complete expeditions (e.g. navigation, map reading, using a compass), be able to cope with changing and challenging situations. The school will set you up with online DofE training and first aid.

What's in it for me?

This role puts you in a real position to support young people in developing their skills in expedition activities. They are an invaluable part of the quality checking process of the expeditions.

I'm interested in finding out more – what are the next steps?

Speak to Miss Andrews, the DofE Manager at Oakmoor School, about doing this role and they will talk you through how to get involved. They will tell you much more about the role and will discuss any support we can give you. Thank you very much for your interest in this voluntary opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



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