Dear Parent/Carer,

Your son/daughter attended an assembly yesterday about the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award which The Hastings Academy are offering to all of our Year 9 students this year.

The D of E is the world's leading achievement award for young people and is highly regarded by colleges, universities and employers. It's a fun programme of activities that challenges young people to experience adventure, develop new skills and explore their interests – all outside of the usual classroom setting.

Participating in the D of E can really help young people stand out from the crowd, enhance mental health and build resilience. That's why at The Hastings Academy we're committed to ensuring that ALL of our Year 9 students can access this fantastic programme this year regardless of their financial situation.

We would like to share more details with you about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award that we're running this year. Please scan the QR code below to go to our D of E webpage which has information about how we'll run our D of E programme including information videos for parents and young people. Also on the webpage you'll be able to book onto our forthcoming Parents Info Event or request more information from our dedicated D of E Centre Coordinator.

We're looking forward to working with our Year 9 students on their Bronze D of E this year and we hope that you will do all you can to support your son/daughter to participate.

Kind regards,

Paul Senior The Hastings Academy D of E Manager

