



### An Ashmole Trust School

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 'Excellence, Aspiration and Care'

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Dear Parent/Carer

#### Years 9, 10 & 12 – Duke of Edinburgh Award 2024-25

As part of Ashmole's commitment to personal development, we encourage and support our students to undertake as many additional extra-curricular activities as possible and understand their importance in developing a young person's confidence, talent and skills. Furthermore, these extra-curricular activities can support a future UCAS application for those considering University.

One of the awards that we encourage students to undertake is the Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE Award). Barnet 0-19 Service supports schools, academies and colleges with the delivery of the DofE Programme across the borough. Ashmole Academy and Barnet 0-19 Early Help Service are working in partnership to ensure students can participate in the DofE Award. Ashmole Academy will be the host venue for the parents' evening and training sessions, making attendance easier for both parents and students.

If you would like to find out more about the award, the enrolment evening will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 6:00-6:45pm in the main hall at Ashmole Academy. During the evening, representatives from Barnet will present on how they run the Duke of Edinburgh programme and will be able to answer any questions you may have with regards to your child undertaking the award. This session will cover all levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We require any parent/carer who would like to apply for the 2024 DofE Borough Expeditions for their child to complete an online enrolment via the Barnet Youth online application which will be available from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at <https://barnetyouth.uk/Duke-of-Edinburgh>. Upon application, additional information will be issued for reference to the next part of the online process, final authorisation is only granted once payments and all documentation, including the online enrolment, is received. Barnet DofE offers a discount to students in receipt of free school meals, which you can apply for by sending an email for the attention of Ms Moon to [staff@ashmoleacademy.org](mailto:staff@ashmoleacademy.org).

If there are any other questions that you may have with regards to the DofE Award programme, please refer to the DofE Award Website [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org). If you have additional queries with regards to the enrolment evening or are unable to attend then please email Barnet 0-19 Service via <http://www.barnet.youth.uk/>.

Yours faithfully

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