



18 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award 2023 - 24

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award please complete and return the attached permission slip and enrolment form with payment of £120 no later than Friday 29 September to student reception. If for any reason you are unable to make this payment, please get in touch using the details below.

This amount covers the cost of registration for the award including a user account for the E D of E website and costs associated with the training days, practice expedition and assessed expedition including the use of stoves, assessor's fees, campsite fees, transport etc. It does not cover the costs of personal equipment for the expedition or costs associated with the skill, volunteering or physical sections of the Award.

Please be aware that your son/daughter must be able to attend all of the training sessions and expedition weekends so that they can safely complete the award. Missing any dates could result in them not being allowed to continue with the expedition, in which instance **no refund** will be given. Likewise, if a participant decides not to continue with the Award they will **not** be eligible for a refund. (If they are absent due to illness or family emergency then I will help them to catch up on what they have missed.) Dates of meetings, training and expeditions:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date</u>
First meeting	9 th October 1530 -1630
eDofE	16 th October 1530 -1630
eDofE	13 th November 1530 -1630
Expedition equipment and eDofE	27 th November 1530 -1630
eDofE	15 th January 1530 -1630
eDofE and Exped group selection	19 th February 1530 -1630
eDofE	18 th March 1530 -1630
Expedition training and planning	11 th and 12 th April - all day, times tbc
Day walk and orienteering	27 th April – times tbc
Expedition reminder	20 th May 1530 -1630
Kit checks	Various days during w/c 3 rd June
Practice exped	8 th and 9 th June, 0700 Saturday – 1700 Sunday
Kit checks	Various days during w/c 1 st July
Assessed exped	6 th and 7 th July, 0700 Saturday – 1700 Sunday

Please note that whilst we have made every effort to avoid weekends before Year 10 exams the final exams calendar is not yet confirmed and therefore it may be that students will be on expedition the weekend before an exam.

Further Information

Further information regarding the expeditions along with a request for medical information will follow in due course.

For additional information about the D of E Award please visit www.dofe.org

Volunteering, Physical and Skill Sections

Please be aware that it is the parent's responsibility to make sure that any activities or placements undertaken for these sections of the Award are suitable and safe.

Yours sincerely



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The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award 2023-24 - Please return completed slips to student reception.

I enclose cash/cheque for £120 (made payable to The Castle School)/have paid by credit/debit card* (in person, over the phone or online). (*Please delete as applicable).

I am currently receiving Free School Meals.

Student's name..... Form..... Date

Signed (Parent/Carer)

Print name.....