



30 September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award 2025 – 26

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award please complete and return the attached enrolment form and make payment of £125 and deposit of £50 (to cover use of school equipment) no later than Friday 17th October. Payments can be made via Arbor, please go to the "shop" section and you will find DofE set up as a product. If for any reason you are unable to make this payment, please get in touch using the details below.

The amount of £125 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, assessed expedition, assessor's fees, campsite fees, transport etc. The £50 refundable deposit covers the use of school equipment, including the use of stoves and tents. The deposit will be refunded when all group equipment for the expedition group to which your child is assigned is returned in a clean and dry condition. Neither amount covers 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 are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date</u>
First meeting	Monday 10 th November 1530 -1630
eDofE	Monday 24 th November 1530 -1630
Expedition equipment and eDofE	Monday 8 th December 1530 -1630
eDofE	Monday 12 th January 1530 -1630
eDofE	Monday 2 nd February 1530 -1630
eDofE and Exped group selection	Monday 2 nd March 1530 -1630
eDofE	Monday 23 rd March 1530 -1630
Expedition training and planning	Thursday 16 th and Friday 17 th April - all day, times tbc
Day walk and orienteering	Saturday 16 th May – times tbc
Expedition reminder	Monday 18 th May 1530 -1630
Kit checks	Various days / times during w/c 1st June
Practice exped	6 th and 7 th June, 0700 Saturday – 1700 Sunday
Kit checks	Various days / times during w/c 6 th July

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/carer'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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