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Duke of Edinburgh: BRONZE AWARD 2022-2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Following the notable success of previous experiences, we are proud to be running the Duke of Edinburgh Award for another year at Rednock School.

We are offering your son/daughter the opportunity to become part of this success by participating in the Bronze Award.

The DofE is a great chance for your child to broaden their horizons, discover new interests and talents, have fun with friends, develop essential skills for their future and achieve an internationally renowned Award.

As Rednock's DofE Manager, I wanted to send you some information about what the programme involves, the benefits for your child and how they can sign up.

About the DofE

The DofE is non-competitive and open to all young people – it's about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries. There are three levels of DofE programme which, when successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

Through their DofE, students will make friends and memories and build traits like confidence, resilience and self-esteem, which can benefit mental health. They'll gain skills and attributes for work and life, like problem-solving, team-working and self-motivation – and they'll achieve an Award that's recognised by top employers and can help them stand out when applying for further education, apprenticeships or jobs.

Duke of Edinburgh is the world's leading youth achievement award, giving young people the opportunity to be the very best they can be. The award will involve your child completing four sections: skill; volunteering; physical and an expedition. The Bronze Award involves three months of volunteering, a physical activity, a new skill, a Practice and training weekend and a Final Expedition of two days walking and one overnight camp.

Every young person's DofE programme is personal to them – they can choose what they'd like to do for their Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections, and most activities can count. We will provide guidance and support, and students can either choose to continue an activity they already do or discover something completely new.

Activities for each section take a minimum of one hour a week over a set period of time, so they can fit around studying, hobbies and social lives. For more details about programmes and timescales [visit DofE.org/do](http://www.dofe.org/do).

As a school we will encourage and advise your child in all aspects of the award and facilitate the expedition requirement. Further details of the award can be found on www.dofe.org.

The DofE programme is designed to encourage independence, confidence and problem solving. As such, your child will be responsible for checking messages on Google Classroom, attending the occasional meeting to make sure their programme is up to date, deciding on and arranging their three sections and finding suitable assessors. Staff at Rednock will support your child, but it is their journey, building resilience.

eDofE and the DofE app

Participants can create their DofE programme and record their progress using eDofE, the DofE's digital system, available online at eDofE.org and through the DofE app – downloadable for free from Google Play and the App Store. If your child decides to enrol, we will set up their eDofE account and they will receive details of how to sign in and get started. We will also hold an eDofE launch session.

Signing up

The cost of taking part in the DofE is **£198 per participant (£80 of which is non-refundable)**. This covers your child's participation place and Welcome Pack, which will be sent to their home address and includes their personalised DofE Discount Card, the expedition costs covering the detailed provision led by our usual expert specialists, Ocean Rock, and the use of equipment.

If your child is interested in participating, please attend a **Parents' Information Evening which will be led by Ocean Rock on Thursday 7th July at Rednock School at 6pm**. The team leader will explain how it is run at Rednock and a presentation will be given by 'Ocean Rock Adventure' who will be responsible for organising and running the expedition section of the award.

To give consent for your child to participate in the Award, and to confirm your attendance at the Information Evening, please complete this [Google Form](#) by **Monday 4th July**. Payment can be made via ParentPay – the payment item will be added to your ParentPay account once this google form has been completed.

These are the provisional dates at the moment:

Joint Bronze and Silver Parents Information Evening: Thurs 7th July 2022

Bronze Practice and Training: 10th and 11th September 2022 (Sharpness)

Bronze Final: 1st and 2nd October 2022 (Marlborough)

For those of you whose child would like to take part in this award, I look forward to seeing you at the meeting next week. If you have any questions in the meantime please send an email to me at dofe@rednockschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

Andrea Porter
Duke of Edinburgh Manager