

# THE EYOT CENTRE



Dear Parent/Guardian of year 9 students,

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in signing up for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The aim of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is to encourage independence in young people outside the classroom. It allows students to develop vital skills such as confidence, teamwork, communication, problem solving, organisation and leadership – key skills which colleges, universities and employers are looking for. And at the same time, it is fun!

The Eyot Centre, Henley on Thames has successfully run the DofE Award now for 13 years. We are offering year 9 Langtree students the opportunity to enrol as members of the Eyot Centre but with the chance of completing their expedition training sessions at the school.

As well as an overnight expedition run by a team of trained support staff, students must complete the following sections for either a 3-month (2 sections) or 6-month (1 section) period: ~

Volunteering – undertake service to individuals or the community

Physical – improve in an area of sport, dancing or fitness

Skill – learn a new skill or develop an existing one.

The cost will be £140 to include all aspects of the Award, apart from personal kit, food and transport to/from the Expedition (which will be held locally). **The students will need to commit to attending ALL sessions and taking part in the Navigation Day, Training Days and Training Expedition before they are able to complete the Assessed Expedition.** Details of all sessions are attached. Please ensure your child is available for these dates before signing up.

If you would like your child to enrol for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, please log on to the Eyot Centre website ([eyotdofe.com](http://eyotdofe.com)) and enrol by Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021, at the latest.

Your sincerely,  
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