

Oct 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Duke Of Edinburgh (DofE) Award

Please find below information on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) at Bronze level, open to all Year 9's

The Award is highly respected by colleges, universities and employers and demonstrates a young person's commitment, determination, compassion and team-working skills. It is open to all young people between the ages of 14 and 24, regardless of ability or background.

Participants set their own challenges, choose their own programme of activities and make new friendships. Most importantly, students have an enormous amount of fun and get the chance to take up new activities that they might not do otherwise, including planning and completing a two-day walking and camping expedition.

The DofE Bronze Award is broken down into 4 sections and the students must complete each section to gain the Award:

- Volunteering – Make a positive difference to someone else's life
- Physical – Do something that helps you improve your personal fitness
- Skill – Learn something new
- Expedition – A two day, one night camping expedition in the Epping Forest Area

For information on each of the section and ideas/lists of examples of activities which are valid visit:

<https://www.dofe.org/doing-your-dofe/>

Registration is £35- this includes a personal online e-DofE account as well as a certificate and badge upon completion. The cost of the camping expedition is also covered in this.

The expedition can only be signed up for once the other sections are near completion. Expeditions will take place in July 2021. Dates will be confirmed closer to the time. If for some reason your son/daughter cannot make the expedition dates, they can still complete the Award by taking part in next year's expedition.

We have limited spaces available due to a restriction on numbers that we can take on the expedition. Students who complete the best applications will be invited and then parents will be informed about paying the £35.00

Yours Sincerely,

Mr D Maclaren

**Outdoor Education Coordinator / Head of Photography
Duke of Edinburgh Award 2021**

Student's Full Name: _____ **Tutor Group:** _____

- ☐ I give permission for my child to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award through Heartlands High School
- ☐ I have made a payment of £30 via ParentPay on _____ (Date)
- ☐ I understand that if my child does not achieve the DofE Award, the £35 payment is non-refundable

Parent/Carer's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return the completed slip to Mr Maclaren by 2021 or alternatively email donald.maclaren@heartlands.haringey.sch.uk