

Oct 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Duke Of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award

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I am writing to inform you that your son/daughter in Yr 9 and Yr 10 has the exciting opportunity to participate in the **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award 2022-23**. 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/>

What happens next: All students in Yr 9 have been sent information about the Duke of Edinburgh including a Loom recording with scheduled meetings with myself following this- The process will require your son/daughter to complete an application identifying as much as possible what activities they can complete for Volunteering – Physical – Skill. Following this an /email / text confirming your son daughters place will be issued

Next: Your son /daughter has an option to continue or not- If they wish to continue I would like to ask you to pay the £35.00 or £15.00 for FSM and Pupil Premium student- This can be paid via ParentPay look for **Duke of Edinburgh 2022-23- the deadline for payment is Nov 25th 2022. If there are any issues please email me in advance.** The money covers a registration fee for DofE 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. **The Expedition will take place from Sat 24th and Sun 25th.** 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

Yours

Sincerely,

Mr D Maclaren

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