



Broaden your horizons
with
Duke of Edinburgh

**Parent and student information
evening**

Tuesday 18 September 2018

6.00 - 6.30pm

Duke of Edinburgh at Oathall Community College



What is the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme?

Created in 1956 by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

An internationally recognised achievement.

3 levels; Bronze, Silver and Gold

You can start your Bronze at 14 and finish your Gold by 25.



The 4 sections

- ❖ Volunteering
- ❖ Physical
- ❖ Skill
- ❖ Expedition



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Volunteering	Physical	Skill	Expedition
3 months	3 months	3 months	2 days and 1 night

All participants must undertake **a further 3 months** of either the volunteering, Physical or Skills sections.

The 4 sections

Volunteering	Physical	Skill	Expedition
6 months	3 months	3 months	2 days and 1 night

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Volunteering

- ❖ Helping younger children at Brownies or Cubs
- ❖ Charity shop
- ❖ Student librarian
- ❖ Helping older people (gardening or cleaning)
- ❖ Coaching at a sports club

Physical

- ❖ Running
- ❖ Cycling
- ❖ Dance
- ❖ Any sports clubs
- ❖ Fitness classes
- ❖ Horse Riding

Skill

This cannot include a physical activity.

- ❖ Music exam
- ❖ Dog training
- ❖ Drama
- ❖ Flying / Gliding

All sections must be assessed by an adult who are skilled, experienced or experts in the three areas.


Expedition

2 days, 1 night

Must undertake a day walk and practice expedition first.

Students will plan their own route and be self sufficient for 2 days, walking in groups of 5 - 7.





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You activities will need to be logged on to the edofe website.

This will be your responsibility.

Staff are here to support you but not do it for you

An example

My Volunteering section

Timescale: 12 Months

* Start date: 01/01/2011

Earliest completion date:



* Type/category of activity: Coaching teaching and leadership

* Detailed activity chosen: Dance Leadership ?

* Where are you going to do it? My local dance school in Windsor ?

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* What are your goals? What do you want to achieve? Help new dancers learn the basics of street dance ?

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* Who is going to support & assess you? My dance teacher Thomas Franks who will watch over my dance lessons. ?

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* Select your preferred Leader to submit the section details to: A Leader

You can save this info and edit it later if you're not ready to submit it.

Save & update

Have you checked your spelling? Remember, the text you put in these boxes will appear in your Achievement Pack!

Submit details for approval

Kit and costs

The DofE is £230

Things you will need to provide:

- ❖ Walking shoes
- ❖ Clothing / Waterproofs
- ❖ Food
- ❖ Sleeping bag
- ❖ Roll matt
- ❖ Rucksack



Commitments

- ❖ Students will be expected to attend D of E training sessions after school on Tuesdays.
- ❖ Practice expedition
- ❖ Final (Qualifying) expedition
- ❖ Students also commit to being an ambassador for Oathall both in and out of school
 - Practice Expedition 30/31 March
 - Qualifying Expedition TBC for the end of June



What are we looking for?

- ❖ Independence
- ❖ A sense of adventure
- ❖ Responsibility for yourself, your team and the environment around you
- ❖ Teamwork and the ability to work well with others
- ❖ A 'can do' attitude
- ❖ Commitment

What next?

There are four stages to the application process.

1. Application forms due in by **3pm Tuesday 25 September**
2. A letter of application (no more than 1 side of A4)
3. An hour's 'assessment' **Monday 24 September 3.30pm - 4.30pm**
4. Make deposit of £50 on Gateway by **3pm Tuesday 25 September**

Unsuccessful applications will be refunded.

2. Letter of Application

It must be no more than one side of A4 in length.

- ❖ Why you want to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- ❖ What you believe you will learn from it
- ❖ An outline of what skill, physical activity and volunteering you may do as part of the Award
- ❖ An example of how you have shown commitment in the past.

Your spelling will not affect your chances.

The deadline for this letter of application is 3pm Tuesday 25 September. It must be submitted alongside your forms and handed in to reception.



For more information

www.dofe.org

www.oathall.org

Speak to year 11s who have done the D of E