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Secondary – Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award



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Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to be able to offer 35 places on The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award scheme to our Year 9 students.

We have been proud partners of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme since 2018. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is the world's leading youth achievement award, with over 438,000 young people currently doing their DofE in the UK.

In addition, the scheme was recently voted by the United Learning Trust - a consortium of major employers - as one of the most valuable awards for potential applicants to have attained at school after formal exams. Students will be able to include this award on all future applications, including University applications.

Many of our students possess a wide variety of qualities, abilities, skills, resources and home support that would make them perfect candidates for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. I am sure that over the next year we will create a fun, informative, active and encouraging learning environment which will stretch, challenge and equip those taking part.

The Award requires those taking part to complete four sections:

Skill	learning a skill at least once a week
Physical	participating in a physical activity at least once a week
Volunteering	being involved in an activity that benefits others once a week
Expedition	completing a training and assessed two-day hike with an overnight camp

The skill, physical and volunteer sections must be undertaken once a week, with two of these sections to be completed over three months and one over six months. Students will be assisted in their selection of appropriate activities and monitored by teachers throughout the delivery of the award programme. However, completion of these sections will primarily be the responsibility of the students taking part.

Students will take part in ongoing training, a practice expedition and an assessed expedition in the spring and summer of 2025. Completion of the award requires commitment from participants, not only to the activities, but also to the on-going training. Therefore, all students taking part will be asked to attend the scheduled extra-curricular sessions and two scheduled weekend sessions which are required to complete the expedition section.

The cost of the Bronze Award is **£105**, this can be paid in instalments and covers the enrolment fee, their licence fee, camp site fees, hire of group equipment, insurance, travel by minibus (both expeditions, practice and assessed) and skill-based workshops. Once registered your child will receive a Duke of Edinburgh card to receive discounts on kit.

As there are limited places available, we shall operate on a first come first serve basis. Therefore, if you wish to register your child to take up this opportunity, please complete the expression of interest form [here](#).

The form shall **commence taking expressions of interest** on **Monday 30 September 2024** at **6pm** and close at **12.30pm Monday 7 October 2024**.

Further information about DofE awards can be found at www.dofe.org.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K D Moore'.

Ms K D Moore
Duke of Edinburgh Manager