



Dear Parent/Carer

February 2021

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award – Year 9

We are pleased to announce that we are launching the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award to Year 9; the launch is taking place via a video shared with students on Google Classroom. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an exciting opportunity to take part in an enjoyable and rewarding programme specifically designed for young people and their personal development. The full cost of the award is £195 per student.

There are four sections to the award: volunteering, physical, skill and expedition.

Physical, Skill and Volunteering sections

The skills, physical and volunteering sections are arranged and carried out by students individually and the DofE website is full of ideas for activities that would be suitable. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, DofE have adapted these sections of the award and it is now more flexible and easier to complete from home. We will provide students with ideas and guidance; students may choose to continue with a current hobby, or use the opportunity to try something new.

To complete the award, all sections must be completed and approved on the Duke of Edinburgh portal, eDofE. Once enrolled, students will receive their login details and will be invited to sessions offering guidance on the three sections and how to use eDofE.

Expedition Section

The Expedition side of the award is run by Ashlyns School and involves a significant amount of training in navigation and camp-craft during a practice expedition, and then a qualifying expedition. Ashlyns will provide the tents, cooking equipment and maps, but students will need to provide the personal equipment for the expeditions.

Further information about the additional Covid-19 precautions being taken will be provided closer to the expeditions.

Provisional dates for the diary:

Training/Practice walk: 19 - 20 July 2021 (Activity days)

Qualifying expedition: 18 - 19 September 2021

Additional dates for route planning and sessions on using the eDofE website will be communicated in due course.

How to apply

If your son/daughter would like to apply, the first step is for them to complete the short Google form posted on Google Classroom. The form asks students their details and also to consider the activities they may like to undertake for the physical, skill and volunteering sections. There are links to details for each section on the DofE website posted on Google Classroom to assist students. There is also an enrolment form and behaviour contract for students to complete and return. The deadline for completing these forms is **Monday 1 March**.

The cost of the Bronze award is £195; please do not make any payment(s) until your child has been accepted onto the programme.

Payment (by ParentPay) can be made in instalments, if preferred, as follows:

Deposit of £50, payable by Wednesday 10 March
First instalment of £70, payable by Friday 30 April
Final instalment of £75, payable by Thursday 1 July

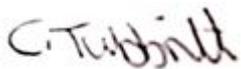
All payments, once due, are non-refundable in the event of withdrawal. We reserve the right, if payments are not paid by the due date, to consider the place withdrawn and to offer it to another student.

In cases of genuine hardship, please contact Mrs Wilson in the Finance Office in confidence at twilson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Please visit www.DofE.org for further information about the award.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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