

## Bronze Duke Of Edinburgh's Award 2023-24.

Dear parent/carer,

I'm delighted to let you know about to launch the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). I'm the DofE Manager for King's School and wanted to write to let you know more about what's involved following the presentation that year 9 received in assembly.

### **Why do DofE?**

Doing their DofE is a brilliant way for your young person to discover just how much they are capable of. It gives young people the chance to make new friends, follow their passions, learn new skills and make a difference in the community. Achieving a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too. It also helps young people to see themselves differently and gain a new level of confidence. The DofE is non-competitive and a powerful way for every young person to build belief in themselves, whatever their background, interests and abilities.

### **How it works.**

To achieve their Award, your young person will need to complete four sections – Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the Expedition. Young people can choose what they would like to do for the first three sections, to tailor the award to their interests. Ideas for each section can be found on the DofE website. We will be here to support and guide students through these sections.

The Expedition involves spending two days and one nights in the countryside. There will also be a practise expedition where students will receive training on navigation and campcraft, in addition to the occasional afterschool meetings. Our school uses an external AAP provider to facilitate the expedition section of the award, BXM Outdoors.

### **Expedition dates.**

Practise Expedition: 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Qualifying Expedition: 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Please ensure your young person is available on both weekends.

### **Cost.**

We hope lots of our young people will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. The total cost is **£195 per person**. [If your child is interested in taking part but the cost is prohibitive, please do speak to me as we may be able to arrange financial support.] You may also need to purchase some additional pieces of kit for the expeditions. Each participant will receive a DofE discount card which can be used in a variety of outdoor shops to help towards the cost of these items.

### **Information evening.**

If you would like to find out more information about the award. There will be a parents/carers information evening on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October in the school hall (6:30 – 7:30). We will have speaker from the Duke of Edinburgh's award to give more information about the award and explain the benefits of taking part. There will also be a representative from our expedition providers to speak about the logistics of this section. Students are welcome to attend but are not required.

If you would like to attend the information evening, please take a moment to confirm the number of people attending to help us get an idea of numbers by clicking the link to a form. (This will take less than one minute to complete) <https://forms.office.com/e/ARNKVa7iXs>

### **To sign up for the award!**

I hope your child is excited about signing up for their award. To do so, please fill in the below form. This form contains questions about medical needs and emergency contacts to try and minimise the number of documents that will be sent out. Please return the form by the **3<sup>rd</sup> November**. You will then be asked to pay a £30 pound deposit via parent pay. This is used to cover the administrative charges to register each student with eDofE (where the students log their progress towards the award) and a welcome back for each student.

<https://forms.office.com/e/tCKBKuCr1a>

### **Getting in touch.**

I hope to see you soon at our information event. If you are unable to attend or have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me.

The DofE website [dofe.org](http://dofe.org) - has a lot of useful information too. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

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