**Bronze Duke Of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme 2025-26**

Dear parent/carer,

I’m delighted to let you know we are about to launch the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh’s Award (DofE) scheme for this academic year, which your child may be interested in doing. My name is Miss Morgan and I am 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 today.

**Why do DofE?**

Doing DofE is a brilliant way for a 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, this is a national award that will enhance any CV or personal statement. 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. Pupils are expected to carry out these sections independently or sometimes alongside other colleagues or in groups, in their own time, outside school hours. However, and to note, attending one or more of the school’s extensive extra-curricular clubs can also facilitate these sections. We will be here to support and guide pupils through these sections.

The Expedition runs over two events, a practice expedition and a qualifying expedition. Both involve spending two days and one night in the countryside. The practise expedition, where pupils will receive training on navigation and campcraft, must be attended prior to going on the qualifying expedition. There will also be additional afterschool meetings to help pupils prepare. Our school uses an approved external provider to facilitate the expedition section of the award, BXM Outdoors.

**Expedition dates**

To complete the award with Kings’ School, each participant must attend **both** the practise and the qualifying expedition. If your young person is considering taking part, please reserve these dates on your calendar.

Practise Expedition: 25th - 26th April 2026

Qualifying Expedition: 9th – 10th May 2026

**Cost**

We hope lots of our young people will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. The total cost is **£255 per person**. [If your child is interested in taking part but the cost is prohibitive, please contact me as we may be able to arrange financial support.] You will likely 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.

The cost will be split into 3 instalments

24th October: £35 deposit.

28th November: Instalment of £110 for expeditions.

30th January: Instalment of £110 for expeditions.

**Information evening**

I would like to invite you to a parents/carers DofE information evening on Wednesday **1st October** in the school hall (6:00– 7:00pm). There will also be a representative from our expedition providers BXM outdoors as this is the section of the award where people tend to have the most questions.

**To sign up for the award!**

I hope your child is excited about this opportunity and signs up for the award. To do so, please fill in the form linked below. This form contains questions about medical needs and emergency contacts to try and minimise the number of documents that will be sent out. The sign-up form will close at 9pm on 12th October**.** After this date, you will then be asked to pay a £35 deposit via parent pay to confirm your child’s place. This is used to cover the administrative charges to register each student with eDofE (where the pupils log their progress towards the award) and a welcome pack for each student.

Signup form to complete: <https://forms.office.com/e/MBspvuY3CA>

**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 use the email address below, do not reply to this email.

The DofE website dofe.org - has a lot of useful information too: [Do DofE - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](https://www.dofe.org/do/)

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

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