

Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to inform you that we are now offering places on the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award. This will be for students who will be in Year 10 in September 2025.

Below is a brief overview of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. Please see the video for more information before completing the application form.

The Bronze Award consists of four sections.

| Volunteering | Physical | Skills (this cannot be a sport) | Expedition |
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| One section for 6 months and the other 2 sections for 3 months. Over this time it is expected that participants will be spending an hour a week on their chosen activity. | | | Plan, train for and undertake a 2 day, 1 night walking expedition in Rutland. |
| Participants will be expected to make their own arrangements for these sections and will be given deadlines for their completion. Failure to complete by a deadline will result in participants no longer being eligible for the expedition section. | | | Students will also complete a training 2 day, 1 night practice expedition on foot which must be completed before the qualifying expedition can take place. |
| Each activity will need to be signed off as complete by someone who agrees to be the participant's assessor. This cannot be a parent or family member. | | | |

The cost of the Bronze Award is £75 – this includes the enrolment fee and a welcome pack, all training sessions, practice expedition, assessed expedition and hire of Trangia (cooker), gas, tents and navigation equipment. Transport to and from expedition is not included at bronze level.

If your child is interested in applying for a place, they will need to complete the attached application form detailing what they intend to do for each independent section. If the application is not fully complete a place on the Bronze award cannot be offered. This should be submitted to the DofE lead in your child's school:

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| Bourne Academy - Miss Sanderson | Spalding Academy - Mr Abraham |
| Giles Academy - Ms Cocks | Cowley Academy - Mrs Baker |

Places on the Bronze Award will be allocated on a first come first served basis to those students with a fully complete application. **Once your child has secured a place on the award payment can be made online.** Application forms can also be collected from the DofE lead.

Expedition Dates (dates will be confirmed in September)

- Practice (training): Weekend in May 2026

- Qualifier: Weekend in June 2026

Yours sincerely



Miss G Sanderson, DofE Manager

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Bronze Application Form

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| Your name | |
| Form group | |
| Tutor | |
| Your email address | |
| Date of birth | / / |

Volunteering section planned start date: ____ / ____ / ____ for: **3** or **6** months? *(please circle)*

Type & details of activity: _____

Where are you going to do it: _____

List personal goals you want to achieve: _____

Your Volunteering section Assessor's name: _____

Their job/position: _____

Assessor's Email or phone number: _____

Physical section planned start date: ____ / ____ / ____ for: **3** or **6** months? *(please circle)*

Type & details of activity: _____

Where are you going to do it: _____

List personal goals you want to achieve: _____

Your Physical section assessor's name: _____

Their job/position: _____

Assessor's Email or phone number: _____

Skills section planned start date: ____ / ____ / ____ for: **3** or **6** months? *(please circle)*

Type & details of activity: _____

Where are you going to do it: _____

List personal goals you want to achieve: _____

Your Skills section Assessor's name: _____

Their job/position: _____

Assessor's Email or phone number: _____

Your DofE leader will advise you on what to put in the Expedition section