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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:

<b>Skill</b>	learning a skill at least once a week
<b>Physical</b>	participating in a physical activity at least once a week
<b>Volunteering</b>	being involved in an activity that benefits others once a week
<b>Expedition</b>	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 2026. 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 **£115**, 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. We aim to make this opportunity accessible to all. Should you wish to discuss the financing of this activity, in confidence, please make contact with the school office, who will arrange a call or meeting with our Culture Capital Lead.

Places on this trip are limited to 35 and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like your child to attend the visit, please complete the expression of interest form [here](#)

The form will open at **7.30pm** on **Monday 29 September 2025** and close at **12.30pm** on **Monday 6 October 2025**.

Please be aware that submitting the form does not guarantee your child a place on the trip. Attendance, attitude to learning and behavior around the school will be considered when allocating places and we have the right to remove any student from the visit should they not demonstrate our school values.

We will write to those who have successfully obtained a place with further details including payment methods.

Further information about DofE awards can be found at [www.dofe.org.uk](http://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