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Duke of Edinburgh Award - Bronze

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to offer an opportunity to complete the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award to students currently in year 10. This very well respected award encourages young people to develop important skills such as determination, resilience, independence and teamwork.

There are four sections that make up the award; Volunteering, Skill, Physical and Expedition. Students need to select and follow their own activities for the volunteering, skill and physical sections. 2 activities are to be carried out for at least 3 months and one for at least 6 months. For each section a weekly commitment of about an hour is expected, this can be done all in one go or spread over several days. If the activity is not done every week, it will take a little longer to finish the section; we are looking for 13 weeks of activity for a 3 month section and 26 weeks for a 6 month section.

Our introductory PowerPoint gives some ideas for skills, physical and volunteering sections and there are more ideas at [Ideas for Activities - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](https://www.dofe.org) Please discuss with your child if they would like to take part in the school Bronze D of E scheme and what they would want to do.

Participants are asked to keep a log of what they have done, when they have done it and how long they have spent on it for each activity, a log sheet is provided for each section. They should ask an adult, who is not a close family member, to be their assessor and fill in a short report card at the end of the section. This evidence has to be uploaded onto the eDofE website, and students are expected to complete this by the end of June 2024.

Our expedition section will be provided by approved activity provider Intense Adventure with support from school staff. Students will undertake 2 days of training over a weekend and then a qualifying weekend. It is essential that students are present for both weekends if they are to complete their award during year 10. The dates are: 20th and 21st April for the training weekend, and 11th and 12th May for the qualifying weekend. We expect the cost of this programme to be between £150 and £180.

The cost for registering for the award is £34, this is made up of £24 which is paid to the D of E Award scheme for registration of each participant and £10 towards the school's registration and costs as a D of E licensed organisation. Further payments will be requested in the new year to cover the costs of the training and expedition weekends. Students may lose their place on the programme if payments are not made on time. Some financial assistance may be given and if this is required parents should complete the payment request form [Pupil-Premium-Parent-Request-Form.0321.pdf \(keslichfield.org.uk\)](#).

We have 80 places available on this year's Award. Places will be filled on a first come first served basis from 8.30am on Monday 23rd October. Students must hand the form into Student Reception themselves (forms cannot be emailed on this occasion), with the whole form completed, including ideas for the volunteering, physical and skills sections. If the places are oversubscribed, we will keep a waiting list and offer places if they become available.

Please make a note of the key dates listed below:

23 rd October 2023	Bronze enrolment form handed in to reception and registration payment paid on ParentPay
12 th April 2024	2 sections completed and evidence on eDofE
April 2024	Expedition Training weekend
May 2024	Qualifying expedition
July 2024	Presentation of awards

If they would like to register, please complete the attached form and bring to student reception on October 23rd. Please also make a payment of £34 using ParentPay.

Yours faithfully,

**C Forster, H. Keith, C. Durant
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award team**