



Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to inform you that we will be offering year 9 and year 10 students the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) – Bronze Award this academic year.

The DofE Award is a nationally recognised programme that supports young people to develop confidence, resilience, independence and teamwork, while gaining valuable life skills that are highly regarded by colleges, employers and universities.

What does the Bronze Award involve?

To achieve the Bronze DofE Award, students must complete four sections:

- Volunteering – helping others or the community
- Physical – improving in a sport or physical activity
- Skills – developing a personal interest or new skill
- Expedition – planning, training for and completing a supervised expedition

All activities are designed to be achievable, supportive and rewarding for students.

Expedition plans

We are planning to use White Hall Outdoor Education Centre to deliver the expedition element. This is an experienced and well-established provider who will support students throughout training and the expedition itself.

At this stage, we are gathering expressions of interest so that we can confirm numbers and calculate the final cost, which will include:

- DofE registration
- Training and expedition delivery
- Outdoor centre costs

Once numbers are confirmed, we will share full details, including dates and costs.

Next steps

If you would like your child to be considered for the DofE Award, please complete the expression of interest form linked below.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



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