

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze – 2020/21 – Key Information

What's involved?

Adventurous, caring, sporty, creative... however you might describe yourself, the DofE is for you. Anyone in the school year in which you turn 14, to aged 24 can take part. There are three progressive levels of programmes which when completed lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold DofE Award.

To achieve your Bronze Award, you'll need to complete your own programme of activities in these four sections (the expedition will be down in school!):

	Volunteering		Physical
	Skills		Expedition

How long will it take?

Activities for each DofE section take a minimum of one hour per week over a set period of time, so they can be fitted in around your studies and life outside school.

You'll need to participate regularly and show that you're committed to your DofE during this time.



Key Dates

There will be a number of dates that your child will need to attend. We hope to run the programme during the summer term. However, due to the unforeseen impact of Covid-19, we cannot put any fixed dates down. As soon as we are able to plan further ahead, we will let you know the confirmed dates.

The image on the right shows the plan that took place last year to give you an idea of what is required which are:

- Lunchtime Sessions
- **2 x Training day:** (at school)
- **1 x Practice walk:** (Dales)
- **1 x Qualifying expedition (2 days and 1 night:** (Dales)

The Cost

It will cost £130 to carry out the award (this can be £250+ with other providers!) If your child receives Free School Meals then the cost will be £65.

You will need to pay the school via the Gateway in the following instalments:

- £30 – 4th December (non-refundable) (£25)
- £30 – 1st February (£15)
- £35 – 1st March (£15)
- £35 – 4th May (£10)

Extras costs will also include:

- Campsite fee (£5) and food!
- Clothing
- Equipment (we will provide tents / stoves)

You receive a 15% discount at Cotswold Outdoors & other retailers for signing up to the DofE.

The DofE Certificate of Achievement

During and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 outbreak, participants who complete their Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections will receive a special DofE Certificate of Achievement.

This is a formal recognition, by the DofE, of the effort, skill and commitment you've shown at this extraordinary time. The Certificate can act as a talking point on your CV or in your personal statement and help you stand out. And you can still do your expedition and achieve your Bronze DofE Award.