

22nd September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

We are excited to offer students in Year 9 the opportunity to participate in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award (D of E). This nationally recognised programme helps young people develop independence, resilience, leadership, and teamwork through a range of rewarding activities.

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

1. Volunteering – Helping others or contributing to the community
2. Physical – Taking part in a sport or physical activity
3. Skills – Learning a new skill or developing a personal interest
4. Expedition – Planning and completing an outdoor expedition as part of a team

Further details can be found here: [Do DofE - Basic Information - The Duke of Edinburgh Award](#)

Key Information:

- The programme is open to students in Year 9
- An expedition will likely take place on Thursday 18th June – Friday 19th June 2026
- The total cost is £130, which covers enrolment, training and expedition costs (payment via Arbor -Trips)
- Financial support may be available – please contact us in confidence if needed

It is important that parents and students understand that the Duke of Edinburgh Award is a commitment and as part of our 3 Rs they need to take total responsibility for the completion of the award. Our D of E team will be on hand to guide, advise and support in designated drop-in sessions however, ultimately the boys undertaking this will need to ensure all sections are completed and signed off, staff will not chase. There are no refunds for uncompleted awards, and the school will not be held accountable for the students not keeping up to date with their sections.

Please consider carefully and discuss with your son whether this is something they wish to take part in because, although we feel most boys can achieve this, it is a commitment from them and there is a cost implication for parents/carers.

Next Steps:

If your child would like to take part, please complete the attached form with payment by Monday 13th October 2025.

Kind regards,

Mrs Harriet Featherstone
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