

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme - Bronze Award 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is a nationally recognised scheme promoting personal development. It is extremely well regarded by both universities and employers. Committed participants could complete the Bronze Award in one year. [More information is available via the website www.DofE.org.] Ian and Rachel Turnbull of the 'not for profit' company Mid Yorks Expeditions Community Interest Company are running the expedition section on behalf of the school.

The cost of the Bronze Award programme is £263, paid via ParentPay. It can be paid in instalments, but we will need a (non refundable) minimum payment of £60 by 18th March to enrol your child onto the national DofE scheme. The remainder should be paid by 1st May 2024.

The cost covers the registration, training and mentoring of the participant. It also covers the expedition section which includes: transport; use of equipment if required; a group tracking system; campsite and appropriate external supervision and assessment.

In School Activities (Jan – April)	Activity
Lunchtimes – 2 sessions Dates to be confirmed	Sessions to enrol onto 'eDofE' and to advise on volunteering, skill and physical sections
Expedition Training– essential 9 th May 3.30 – 4.30pm in Main Hall	Arrange walking groups, kit list and food

There will be two days training (non-residential) and a two-day Qualifying Expedition where they camp overnight. This will be supervised remotely using checkpoints, although staff do stay on the same (very basic) campsite. Please be aware that under DofE rules, participants are only allowed to use a mobile phone in case of emergencies so will be out of contact with you during the expedition.

14th & 15th June OR 21st & 22nd June	Provisional Training & Practice 2 Days (non-residential) Meet at 8.30 outside the back of Main Hall. Return approximately 3-4pm. This will take place near Harewood.
6th / 7th September OR 8th / 9th September	Provisional Qualifying Expedition: 2 days, 1 night. Meet at 8.30 outside the back of Main Hall. Return approximately 3-4pm. This will take place in Nidderdale

If you would like your son / daughter to enrol in the scheme, please make a ParentPay payment, fill in the enrolment form & medical form and hand it to the **school reception desk** in an envelope marked 'Year 9 DofE – Bronze' by **Monday 18th March**.

Yours sincerely

Robin Curnow Alex Collins
DofE Co-ordinator DofE Manager

REFUNDS

Participant withdrawal- If a participant cannot proceed with the programme for any reason we prefer to offer alternative dates but as an alternative, we can offer some refunds depending on dates:

Before the end of March - full refund is possible

During April – 20% of total will be retained to pay for DofE participation fees and admin.

During May and June – a further 30% would be retained to pay for Mid Yorks training staff which will then be booked to work

From July onwards we would not be able to offer any refunds as all arrangements would then be fully booked.