

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme - Bronze Award 2025 – Year 10

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](http://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 £293, paid via ParentPay. It can be paid in instalments, but we will need a minimum payment of £70 by 13<sup>th</sup> December to enrol your child onto the national DofE scheme. The remainder should be paid by 1st April 2025.

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 (Dec– April)	Activity
12 <sup>th</sup> December 5.00 – 6.00pm Main Hall	Meeting for Parents. Explanation of the scheme and opportunity to ask questions
Lunchtimes – 1 hour after school 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Sessions to enrol onto 'eDofE' and to advise on volunteering, skill and physical sections
Expedition Training– <b>essential</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> February 3.20 - 4.30	Arrange walking groups, kit list and food

Most activity, including enrolment will not occur until after Christmas but we want to sort out the recruitment now so that we can plan properly. The aim is to have most sections completed by August 2025 and the expeditions done in September 2025.

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.

<b>5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> <b>OR</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Provisional Training &amp; Practice 2 Days</b> (non residential) Meet at 8.30 at the minibus each day. Return approximately 3-4pm. This will take place near Harewood.
<b>19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> <b>OR</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Provisional Qualifying Expedition:</b> 2 days, 1 night. Meet at 8.30 at the minibus on day 1. Return approximately 3-4pm on day 2. 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 medical form and hand it to the **school reception desk** in an envelope marked 'Year 10 DofE – Bronze' by **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December**.

Yours sincerely,  
*Mr Figures*

### **REFUNDS**

*Participant withdrawal- If a participant cannot proceed with the programme for any reason we prefer to offer other dates but as an alternative. If that is not possible then a full refund is possible up to Christmas. After that the school would need need to retain £70 for DofE participation place and edofe administration . After July, Mid Yorks Expedition fees would also be charged so no refund would be possible.*