



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Bronze

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from our recent online launch for the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze award. We are pleased to share that the **registration is now open**. The option to register is open for the entire month of October and will close on 31st October, where no more applications and payments will be taken. In November, students will receive their welcome packs by post and can begin their award.

For the Bronze Award, students complete four sections typically over 3 to 6 months, although the upper age limit to complete any of the awards is their 25th birthday.

- **Volunteering** – giving time to help an individual, organisation or community.
- **Physical** – developing their fitness or taking part in a physical activity of their choice.
- **Skills** – developing a new skill or improving an existing one.
- **Expedition** – completing a two-day, one-night expedition, working as part of a small team and carrying their own equipment. Students will need to attend a training weekend to learn the skills they need before completing their assessed expedition. They will learn to navigate, plan routes, work effectively as a team, manage their equipment and solve problems independently.

A recording of the launch evening and accompanying materials has been shared directly with all year 9 students by email.

The cost to register for the Bronze Award is £113.25. As discussed in the launch evening, this covers the cost we pay to the award scheme, insurance, licence fee and admin. This cost is non-refundable.

DofE Awards are not a compulsory part of the school syllabus and are offered as an optional extra. If you would like your child to participate, please register by making a payment of £113.25 via SCOPAY (www.scopay.com/beaconsfield) by **31st October 2026**.

If you are having difficulty meeting payment deadlines and wish to discuss a payment plan, please contact trips@beaconsfieldhigh.school or if you feel you may be eligible for financial support email pupilpremium@beaconsfieldhigh.school.

Please note there is a separate cost of approximately £250 covering both the practice training weekend and the qualifying expedition weekend. We will write to you in the new year regarding the arrangements for the expeditions.

Students will also be expected to provide their own equipment such as hiking boots, tents, cooking Trangia's, rucksack etc. However, the school leases most of these out at a competitive price so we can eventually replace the equipment at the end of its life. More information about this will also be shared in the new year.

Please do visit the school website and the Duke of Edinburgh website where further information can be found:

- <https://www.dofe.org/do/parents>
- <https://www.beaconsfieldhigh.school/enrichment/duke-of-edinburg-award>

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on dofe@beaconsfieldhigh.school or alternatively, students can attend the Monday lunchtime drop-in session with any questions they might have.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Oliver Jennings
DofE Co-ordinator