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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award - Year 9**

We are pleased to announce that we are launching the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award to Year 9. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an exciting opportunity to take part in an enjoyable and rewarding programme specifically designed for young people and their personal development. The full cost of the award is £185 per student and places are limited to 63 students. Payments will be made in 3 instalments. In cases of genuine financial hardship, please contact [twilson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:twilson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk) in the Finance Office in confidence.

**There are four sections to the award: volunteering, physical, skill and expedition.**

### **Physical, Skill and Volunteering sections**

The skills, physical and volunteering sections are arranged and carried out by students individually and the DofE website is full of ideas for activities that would be suitable. There are links on Google Classroom to a large range of suggestions for [each section](#). Students may choose to continue with a current hobby, or use the opportunity to try something new.

To complete the award, all sections must be completed and approved on the Duke of Edinburgh portal, eDofE. Once enrolled, students will receive their login details and will be invited to attend sessions in school where we will cover how to use eDofE and offer guidance on the three sections.

### **Expedition Section**

The Expedition side of the award is run by Ashlyns School and involves a significant amount of training in navigation and camp-craft during a practice expedition, followed by a qualifying expedition. Ashlyns will provide the tents, cooking equipment and maps, but students will need to provide the personal equipment for the expeditions. The expedition will involve two days of journeying and one night camping.

### **Provisional dates for the diary:**

Training/Practice weekend: 23 - 24 April 2022

Qualifying expedition: 21 - 22 May 2022

Additional dates for route planning and sessions on using the eDofE website will be communicated in due course.

## How to apply

If your son/daughter would like to apply, the first step is for them to complete the short Google form posted on Intake 19 Google Classroom. The form asks students for basic details and also about what activities they would potentially do for the physical, skill and volunteering sections. See here for the [list](#). There are also links to details for each section on the DofE website posted on Google classroom to help students. The deadline for completing this form is Tuesday 30 November.

We will be sending further information to parents of those students whose application is successful.

Please visit [www.DofE.org](http://www.DofE.org) for further information about the award.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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