Duke of Edinburgh Bronze – 2026/27 – Key Information

What's involved?

Adventurous, caring, sporty, creative… however you might describe yourself, the DofE is for you. Anyone in the school year in which you turn 14, to aged 24 can take part. There are three progressive levels of programmes which when completed lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold DofE Award.

To achieve your Bronze Award, you'll need to complete your own programme of activities in these four sections (the expedition will be down in school!):

	Volunteering		Physical
	Skills		Expedition

How long will it take?

Activities for each DofE section take a minimum of one hour per week over a set period of time, so they can be fitted in around your studies and life outside school.

You'll need to participate regularly and show that you're committed to your DofE during this time.



Please watch this video about the DofE - DofE Bronze

Key Dates

All sessions are compulsory as they form an essential part of the expedition training and our health and safety risk assessments. Below is a list of several dates that must be attended. Non-attendance may mean forfeiting their place on the program. Please be aware, some of these dates may have to be altered nearer the time due to unforeseen circumstances.

Below is a table of dates which your son/daughter will be required to attend:

	When?	**Timings**
Student Information Evening	Thursday 19th November	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Afterschool Training Sessions	Thursday 10th December Thursday 19th November Thursday 21st January Thursday 13th May	3.15pm – 5.00pm
Training Day	Thursday 20th May	9.10am – 3.15pm
Qualifying (Overnight) Expedition	Friday 11th June Saturday 12th June	10.30am on Friday – 1.30pm on Saturday

The Cost

It will cost £100 to carry out the award (this can be £250+ with other providers!) If your child receives Free School Meals then the cost will be £50.

You will need to pay the school via the Gateway in the following instalments:

- £30 – 1st December (non-refundable) (£30)
- £35 – 1st March (£10)
- £35 – 3rd May (£10)

Extras costs will also include:

- Expedition food
- Clothing
- Equipment (we will provide tents / stoves)

You receive a 15% discount at Cotswold Outdoors & other retailers for signing up to the DofE.