



D*of***E**

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD



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Award levels



- Bronze award.
- Open to Year 10 students.
- Typically, around 100 students.



- Silver award.
- Open to year 11 students.
- Typically, around 10-20 students.



- Gold award.
- Open to Y12 students.
- Typically, 20-25 students.



What is the **DofE**?

The DofE is a life-changing adventure for young people aged 14-24.

It helps young people develop skills for their future life and work.



The **Bronze** Award

- Open to Year 10 students.
- Takes minimum 6 months to complete.
- No previous experience needed.

BRONZE

Volunteering **3** months

Physical **3** months

Skills **3** months

Expedition **2** days **1** night

PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.



The **different** sections

There are a variety of options of what you can do for each of the sections.

You must spend at least an hour a week on each section.

Students are responsible for organising, attending and submitting each section

Once a section has been completed, a named assessor will write a report that needs to be submitted to complete the section.



The **Volunteering** Section

Act and make a difference to the causes that you care about.

Help others and change things for the better in your local community.



The **Skills** Section

Devote yourself to improving your skills in the things that you love to do.

Discover new passions and develop new talents that you didn't know you had.



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The **Physical** Section

Take part in whatever dance, sport, or fitness activity you like.

Get fitter, more active and have fun along the way.



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The **Expedition** Section

Explore the great outdoors,
planning, training and
completing your expedition.

Learn essential skills such as
navigation, map reading,
cooking and basic first aid.



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The **Expedition** Section

Expedition is about developing initiative and a spirit of adventure and discovery. You'll do this by planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey as part of a team.

Provided kit:

- Tent.
- Trangia stove.
- Gas for Trangia stoves.
- Rucksacks.
- Waterproofs - top and bottoms.





Past **TTS** expeditions



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Expedition training



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Key Dates



Bronze (Group A)	
<u>Enrolment</u> Tue 29 th September 2026 Session 3	Introduction and enrolment, updating DofE records, training day prep.
<u>Training day</u> Saturday 27 th February 2027	Snailbeach Hall, Accompanied walk.
<u>Navigation & emergency training day</u> Sunday 14 th March 2027	Worfield More details on website
<u>Qualifying expedition</u> Saturday 17 th April to Sunday 18 th April 2027 (overnight)	Ironbridge / Much Wenlock More details on website



Key Dates



Bronze (Group B)	
<u>Enrolment</u> Tue 6 th October 2026 Session 3	Introduction and enrolment, updating DofE records, training day prep.
<u>Training day</u> Saturday 6 th March 2027	Snailbeach Hall, Accompanied walk.
<u>Navigation & emergency training day</u> Sunday 9 th May 2027	Worfield More details on website
<u>Qualifying expedition</u> Saturday 15 th May to Sunday 16 th May 2027 (overnight)	Ironbridge / Much Wenlock More details on website



What are the **costs**?

- The cost for the award will be around £215 (this may change due to numbers)
- **Final balances will be due in October 2026.**

Please make sure that before committing to the award you are available to attend the session 3s, training and final expedition dates.

No refunds can be given once participation on the award has been confirmed.



What to do **next**?

- An email will be going home in the week with instructions on how to make the £100 deposit to secure your place.
- **Final balances will be due in October 2026.**

IMPORTANT – In the notes section on ParentPay, please stipulate which award you will be enrolling on (Bronze award)



Behaviour **e**pectations

- The behaviour when attending the Session 3's, training days and expeditions are the same expectations as when you are in School.
- If there are behaviour concerns the normal School protocol will be followed.
- If we feel your child is not ready to take part in the expedition after receiving the training, your child will be deferred until the following year, when again this will be assessed.



Where can I find more **information**?

- Throughout the award the main source of information will be the school website

<https://www.ttsonline.net/beyond-the-classroom/the-d-of-e-award-scheme/>

The D of E Award Scheme

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is open to students from Year 10 and there are currently over one hundred students taking part at Bronze, Silver or Gold level. The Award's objective is to develop young people's personal skills and to broaden their range of experiences.

There are four sections which involve learning a new skill; undertaking a service to others, for example, charity work; participating in physical recreation and undertaking a number of expeditions.

General Information

Bronze Award Information

Programmes

2025-26

Bronze Group A Duke of Edinburgh Programme 25-26

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Bronze Group B Duke of Edinburgh Programme 25-26

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Training

2025-26

Bronze A and B Worfield Training Day

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Bronze Basic Training

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Expeditions



Frequently asked **Questions**

Can I choose which group to be in?

Yes, but there is no guarantee that I will be able to put you in that group. I will try my best to accommodate any requests, but this may not always be possible due to staff, student numbers, friendship groups and DofE rules.

Can I choose the people in my expedition group?

Yes, but there may be other issues that prevent students being in the same expedition group. Again, I will do my best to accommodate requests, but this may not be possible.

Can I miss any of the training?

No, the DofE rules state that participants must be adequately trained to safely complete an expedition in the environment in which they will be operating. The TTS training is done through session 3s and the practise expedition events.



Frequently asked **Questions**

I have paid for the award but have decided to withdraw. Can I get a refund?

No. The costs for the award are based on the number of people taking part. Refunds will not be possible as the expenses for these trips are paid in advance of the programme starting.

How long will it take me to complete the award?

At least 6 months, although you are eligible to complete the award up till your 24th birthday. The length will depend on when you start and complete your different sections.

Who decides whether I have completed a section?

A section is completed once an assessor's report has been submitted to the eDofE system and has been confirmed by Mr Chandler.



Further **Information...**

- Grab an information sheet before you leave.
- <https://www.dofe.org> for even more details.
- All documents can be found on the website relating to dates/events etc.



Further **Information...**

- A letter will be going home with instructions of how to make the £100 deposit to secure your place. The final balance of £105 will be due at the end of October.
- There are two programmes, A and B. You will be placed in one of these groups.
- The groups are exactly the same, they just run over two different sets of dates. Please check you can do all of the dates. If there is one programme you cannot do, please ask your parents to state it in the Parent Pay additional notes section

