



21 June 2021

Dear Year 9 Students and Parents/Carers

I would like to invite you to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award programme at Abbey Grange.

### Information about the Award:

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award requires commitment. The Bronze award requires you to complete the following activities for the length of time shown to achieve your award

- Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections: One section for 6 months and two sections for 3 months
- Expedition section: 2 days/1 night

You may notice that this award requires an expedition to be completed (assessed qualifying expedition along with a practice expedition that can be over a single day or two days). We would hope that any current COVID restrictions will be relaxed in time for these expeditions to go ahead as normal, but if anything changes then you will be informed.

Participants that enrol before 31 July 2021 are able to work towards achieving the DofE 'Certificate of Achievement' in recognition of their effort for completing their volunteering, physical and skill sections.

Although this certificate is not equal to a Bronze award, it can be 'topped up' to a Bronze award later through expeditions, and still allows the participant to proceed onto further awards uninhibited.

For more details on doing a DofE award and if you have any questions, see <http://www.dofe.org/> and look for 'Do DofE'.

Furthermore, information regarding the current adjustments to the award due to COVID19, including activities suggestions for if any restrictions are still in place as well as commonly asked questions can be found at <https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/>

### What do I need to do?

We currently have 56 places available on the award to register your interest you must fill in the enrolment forms found through the following link

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Okx3hiW8n0K6FiKwpYCfrKCidFkKcDa1Im0UCILkPy\\_xUM0ZUWTIJRjFGN1YxNzRXUIQxV0VWRVJaNS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Okx3hiW8n0K6FiKwpYCfrKCidFkKcDa1Im0UCILkPy_xUM0ZUWTIJRjFGN1YxNzRXUIQxV0VWRVJaNS4u)

(you will need to login using your Abbey Grange login details)





The deadline for enrolment forms is 9:00pm Thursday 25 June 2021 to register your interest.

Students will then be selected at random if there are more applicants than places.

If you are shortlisted, you will then need to ensure that the fee of £80 is paid via ParentPay. This includes:

Registration Fee*	£30.00
School Licence Fee contribution	£13.00
First Aid Training	£7.00
Expedition administration fee	£30.00
<hr/> Total	<hr/> £80.00

The registration fee is an **ESSENTIAL NON-REFUNDABLE** cost that is required to purchase a place for you from DofE as a participant so cannot be returned.

**Payment must be made by 3:00pm Thursday 8 July 2021 to secure a place. If payment is not made, the place will be offered to another student.**

If you have any further questions, please email me at [aharland@abbeygrangeacademy.co.uk](mailto:aharland@abbeygrangeacademy.co.uk) however there will be an information booklet sent out to students through Classcharts.

Yours faithfully

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