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## The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award 2025-26

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am excited to be able to offer your child the opportunity to participate in The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award. To complete the award, participants are required to complete 4 sections, including volunteering, physical, skill and expedition. More information about the different sections can be found here: <https://www.dofe.org/do/sections/>. There will be an online parents information session held via google meet on Wednesday 16 July at 6pm where I will explain the enrolment process, the DofE programme and I will be happy to answer your questions. To join the video meeting, click this link: <https://meet.google.com/kmq-wxsy-kkn>.

If your child would like to take part, please complete the participant enrolment form, which can be found here: <https://forms.gle/DW82sP45qknXRebw9> by Sunday 21 September. Please make sure that your browser is logged into your child's school account to access this form. The total cost of the Award is £260. A deposit of £100 to secure your child's place on the Award must be paid by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Payment needs to be received before your child's place is confirmed on the Award**

Deposit payment for the Award to include: individual registration, welcome pack and personalized micro-fleece	£100	1 October
Payment for 5-day expedition package, which includes all training, an overnight practice and assessed expeditions.	£80	1 November
	£80	1 December

Please note that payments once made are non-refundable.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY CASH AS PAYMENT WILL BE MADE THROUGH YOUR PARENTPAY ACCOUNT. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN TO DO THIS THROUGH YOUR ACCOUNT. PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE REGISTERED WITH PARENTPAY AND YOUR DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE.**

If your child would like to participate but payment of £240 is difficult, there is the possibility of financial assistance and I can assist with the application for vouchers towards the cost of kit, providing the eligibility criteria are met. If you are interested in applying for financial support, please contact me before the deadline. Please do not delay your response because of funding concerns.

The cost includes:

- Registration with the Duke of Edinburgh Award
- A personalised micro-fleece



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- All costs associated with the DofE Approved Activity provider delivering the Expedition (e.g. instructors, assessors, camp fees, insurance, tents, stoves, gas, maps)

The cost **does not** include:

- Food whilst on expeditions
- Kit costs (other than those mentioned above) – e.g. rucksack, sleeping bag, sleeping mat, walking boots (a full kit list will be provided)
- Travel to and from the practice and assessed expeditions (The location is to be confirmed, however, it will be the local area and should be no more than 30 minutes away by car from FCC).

The practice and assessed expeditions will be run by a Duke of Edinburgh Approved Activity Provider; BXM Expeditions. More information about the company can be found on their website

<https://www.bxmoutdoors.com/>

The contact details you submit on the enrolment form will be shared with BXM, so that they can contact you regarding your child's medical requirements for the duration of the expeditions.

In order to take part in and complete the Award, your child **MUST** be able to attend the following key dates:

Activity	Date and location
Training day	Tuesday 10 February
Practice Expedition, full days including an overnight camp	Thursday 26 and Friday 27 March 2026
Assessed Expeditions, full days including an overnight camp.	Thursday 21 and Friday 22 May 2026

### Important note

Students will only be allowed to take part in the practice expedition (and the assessed expedition) if they have attended the training day which will be delivered as part of a personal development day in school during term 3.

If you have any further questions regarding The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, please do not hesitate to contact me via [doe@fcc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:doe@fcc.oxon.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

Ms D Timpson  
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager



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