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The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award 2026-27

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 MS Teams on Monday 28th September at 5pm 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://teams.microsoft.com/meet/39648482869690?p=72LyXgHceBUNxPwQdP>

If your child would like to take part, please complete the participant enrolment form, which can be found here: [Bronze DofE Enrolment 2026 - 2027 – Fill in form](#) by 2nd October. The total cost of the Award is £245. A deposit of £100 to secure your child's place on the Award must be paid by 9th 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.	£100	2nd October
Payment for 5-day expedition package, which includes all training, an overnight practice and assessed expeditions.	£75	1st November
	£70	1st 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 £245 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.
- All costs associated with the DofE Approved Activity provider delivering the Expedition (e.g. instructors, assessors, camp fees, insurance, tents, stoves, gas, maps).



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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 40 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
Practice Expedition, full days including an overnight camp	Thursday 29 th – Friday 30 th April 2027
Assessed Expeditions, full days including an overnight camp.	Thursday 24 th and Friday 25 th June 2027

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 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.cambrianlt.org

Yours faithfully

Ms D Timpson
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager



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