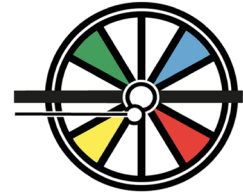




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October 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian,

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to inform you that we are offering your child the opportunity this academic year, to participate in The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award at The Radcliffe School. The Radcliffe School has been running the DofE programme for over 30 years and seen many students gain more than just their Award.

As many of you will be aware, the Award offers unique opportunities to develop new skills, make new friends and learn about themselves in challenging and adventurous environments. To achieve the Award students, must complete four sections: learning a new skill, volunteering, engaging in a physical activity and attending both a practice and an assessed expedition. The Award allows each participant to create their own personalised set of activities to contribute towards their achievement. They may already do many of these activities or they could try something new that they had always wanted to do. Either way, it is fun and highly regarded nationally. Please look at the school website or the main DofE website to find out more about the award.

Achieving The Duke of Edinburgh's Award also looks great on your CV! A recent study showed that the top 100 employers across the UK considered The Duke of Edinburgh's Award the most important non-curriculum activity. The Award helps to build on all the soft skills that will make your son/daughter stand out from the crowd in this ever-competitive world and should help them to achieve the success that they aspire to.

If you wish your son/daughter to participate in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, please complete the linked enrolment form below by **Friday 20th October 2023**. The initial cost to sign up for DofE will be **£25**, this must be paid alongside completing the online enrolment form. Our preferred payment method is via your child's Wisepay account. This fee includes the DofE enrolment fee, DofE welcome pack, eDofE (online portal) membership and on completion a certificate and badge. Once enrolled this payment will be non-refundable.

After the enrolment there will be a maximum charge of **£150** for the expedition section, but this cost might be reduced if we can source some external funding. The expedition section will be run by our AAP Action4Youth. This fee pays for expedition training and practice, a qualifier expedition, and the use of group equipment on the expeditions (tent, stove, fuel, compasses, maps etc.). The expeditions will be planned for the spring / summer term (dates to be confirmed by Action4Youth).

Please be aware that there are some additional costs which aren't included in this price. These are your child's personal equipment (e.g. walking boots, rucksack, clothing etc.) and expedition food for the expeditions.

Help is available for any students in low-income families with regards to the cost of DofE enrolment the expedition costs and equipment. Please email me if you require help. We want to make DofE accessible to all.

We do hope that you encourage your son/daughter to take part in the Award and wish them every success in their efforts to achieve it.

Yours faithfully

Mr Michael Lambert
DofE Manager at The Radcliffe School



DofE
Enrolment Form
(To be completed by Parent/Carer)



The Radcliffe School's
DofE Website



DofE
Activity Ideas

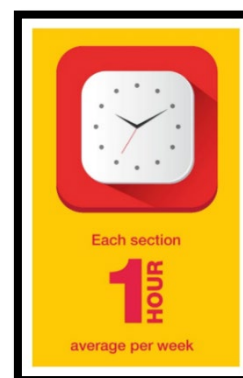
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The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Key information

DofE Sections

Students are required to complete their three activity sections, Volunteering, Skill and Physical as set out in the table below:

Bronze (Year 9+)	Volunteering 3 months	Physical 3 months	Skills 3 months	Expedition 2 days 1 night
	Plus a further 3 months in either the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section			



Activity sections must be completed with a minimum commitment of 1 hour per week for a consecutive period of 12-13 weeks (3 months). The student also chooses one section that they will carry on for a further 12-13 weeks (6 months).

There are lots of opportunities to complete these activities at school, but other places to look for activities are:

- **Volunteering:** Charities, sports clubs, Guides/Brownies/Cadets, middle schools, places of worship, A2B campaigning, in school library assistant etc. **Volunteering must not be working for a business or a substitute for someone's paid job. Some activities that WILL NOT get approval.** Always check before committing you time to these activities.
- **Skills:** At school there are lots of skill activities such as learning a new language, playing a musical instrument, art club etc. You can also complete **FREE** activities at home like cooking, keeping of pets, collecting, reading, photography and many more.
- **Physical:** Local sports clubs, school extra-curricular clubs, tennis lessons, dance, horse riding, running, and walking etc.

For a much more extensive list of activities that count towards each section please look on our school website or the main DofE website.

Students should let the person supervising/assessing them on each activity know at the start that they are doing it towards their DofE and at the end they need to ask them to write a report about their time with them which then counts as proof of completion of that section.

An assessor cannot be a close member of the family.

Activity Deadlines:

Although the students have theoretically until they are 25 to complete the Bronze Award, we have our own internal deadlines to ensure completion of the Award. These must be met to take part in the expedition and to be able to progress onto the Silver and Gold Awards:

April 2024	Completed <u>2 of the sectional activities</u> online to be eligible to attend the expedition.
June 2024	Complete the last of the sectional activities online and complete the expedition.
July 2024	Completed the Bronze Award to be eligible for the Silver Award in Year 10

Here are the website links if the QR codes are not working or you don't have access:

DofE Enrolment Form - <https://forms.office.com/e/xS9ftAfjna>
The Radcliffe School DofE Website: <https://www.radcliffeschool.org.uk/main-dofe>

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