



Church of England School
Executive Head and CEO: Dr Hilary Macaulay

29th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – Year 9

I am writing to let you know that we are now accepting applications for Year 9 students to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

In conjunction with Bishop Ramsey School, Wilderness Expertise will be helping support the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme of Year 9 students during 2022/2023.

The concept of the DofE is simple, anyone aged between 14 and 24 can do a programme at one of three progressive levels which, when successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

There are four sections at Bronze level. With assistance from myself, participants select and set objectives in each of the following areas:

- Volunteering: undertaking service to individuals or the community
- Physical: Improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities
- Skills: Developing practical and social skills and personal interests
- Expedition: Planning, training for and completion of an adventurous journey in the UK.

The DofE programme is incredibly rewarding and helps young people to develop into fully rounded and responsible individuals. Participants will see new talents and skills develop and emotional maturity blossom whilst also building their fitness and initiative.

Activities for each DofE section take a minimum of one hour per week over a set period of time, so they can be fitted in around academic study, hobbies and social lives. Development and regular progress must be shown. **In order to ensure that the participants complete their Bronze Award they must complete two sections of their award by Tuesday 18th April 2023.** Failure to do this will mean students cannot attend the Expedition element of the award. It is therefore important that the students are willing to commit time to the completion of the award.

Important dates:

The following dates form the training and expedition section of the Award. Students must attend all dates.

2 x Training Days

Saturday 11 th March 2023	9.00am – 4.00pm	Location: Bishop Ramsey School
Sunday 12 th March 2023	9.00am – 4.00pm	Location: Mad Bess Woods

Qualifying Expedition

Saturday 29 th April 8.00am to Sunday 30 th April 4.00pm	Location: PACCAR Scout Campsite
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Address: Hume Way, Ruislip, Middlesex, HA4 8EE ∞ **Telephone:** 01895 639227
Email: office@bishopramsey.school ∞ **Website:** www.bishopramseyschool.org

Cost and payment schedule:

The cost of the programme will be £180.00. This includes all training provided by both Wilderness Expertise and Bishop Ramsey School, accommodation (campsites and tents), loan of expedition equipment as well as administrative and certification costs. Students will need to provide their own food and clothing for the expeditions. Students will also be required to provide their own transport to and from the training/assessment venues and are encouraged to car share with others from their group.

Payment will be split into two instalments of £90.00. Once the successful students have been selected and notified, the first payment will be due by 3.00pm on Friday 25th November 2022. This will guarantee the student's place on the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The 2nd payment of £90.00 will be due by 3.00pm on Friday 24th February 2023. Payment should be made via ParentPay and selecting '**Bronze Duke of Edinburgh – 2022/2023**'. Please note ParentPay will only open for this item once successful candidates have been notified. Should you have any concerns with respect to payment, please contact Mrs Hagon at parentpay@bishopramsey.school.

Students eligible for Pupil Premium will receive funding for this award.

In the event a student wishes to withdraw from the award, a refund will only be issued if their space can be filled by a student on the waiting list. If this space cannot be filled then no refund will be issued.

Application process:

Due to a limited number of places (42) being available on the Award, students will need to complete an application form via the link below. This must be completed by the students. Each application will be anonymised and then each question awarded a maximum of 5 points. The more specific their answer the higher the points (what activity they will do, where and when the activity is held and who their assessor will be).

The second part of this application form is a parental consent section which must be completed by a parent/carer.

The deadline for the letters of application is Friday 21st October 2022. The link for the application form is found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/1HLGLMVw3j>

If students need some inspiration for their section selection, they can have a look at the school's website where there are links for all sections.

<https://www.bishopramseyschool.org/page/?title=Duke+of+Edinburgh%27s+Award&pid=121>

Behaviour Policy:

The school reserves the right to exclude students from a trip if their behaviour does not meet with the standards we expect on a day to day basis in school. Should a student be excluded from a trip, any monies paid will not be refunded.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me via email at mwinn@bishopramsey.school

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Winn
Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager