

## Duke of Edinburgh Award Parent Information Pack



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The Gateway Learning Community is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

## **What is DoE?**

Anyone aged 14-24 can do a DofE programme at one of three progressive levels which, when successfully completed, leads to a Bronze, Silver or Gold DofE Award. There are four sections to complete at Bronze and Silver (please see next page).

## **Why should they do DoE?**

When your child does their DofE programme they'll develop the skills and attitudes they need to become more rounded, confident adults. Qualities that colleges, universities and employers are attracted to. So when you support your child's support of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award, you're investing into their future. You can expect to see your child develop in the following areas as they work through their programme:

- Self-belief and self-confidence.
- A sense of identity.
- Initiative and sense of responsibility.
- New talents and abilities.
- Plan and use time effectively.
- Learning from and giving to others in the community.
- New friendships.
- Problem solving, presentation and communication skills.

### **Duration of Programme(s):**

**Bronze Award - 6 months.**

**Silver Award - 8 months.**

**Students are required to complete 15 hours over 3 months on each of the sections below.**

**Volunteering:-**

Giving service to individuals or the community. This cannot be for a business or family member but can be for a charity or for a not-for-profit organisation. Examples:

- Raising money for a charity.
- Being a football coach.
- Helping at an after-school club.

**Physical:-**

Improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities.

- Joining a local athletics club.
- Improving their martial arts skills.
- Taking weekly dance lessons.

**Skills:-**

Developing practical and social skills and personal interests.

- Learning how to juggle.
- Improving musical skills.
- Build a website, blog or video diary.

**Expectation of students:**

- Initiative in finding voluntary, physical and skill responsibilities.
- Submitting weekly evidence on voluntary, physical and skill activities.
- Attending afterschool training in preparation for expedition.

### **Cost of Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award:**

Enrolment Fee: £34 via ParentPay

Total: TBC

### **Cost of Duke Edinburgh Silver Award:**

External Company– TBC

### **What the cost of Duke of Edinburgh Bronze/Silver includes:**

- eDofE login and exclusive discounts.
- Rucksack
- Tent
- Stoves.
- Compasses.

### **Equipment Required for Expedition:**

- Walking boots.
- Waterproofs
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Mat (optional)
- Suitable Food
- Personal Clothing

### **Expedition:- (Bronze)**

- Practice expedition over two days.
- Assessment expedition over two days.

### **How can you help as parents:**

- Supporting with keeping their eDofE pages up-to-date.