

July 2025

## Launch of the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Programme for Year 8 and 9 Pupils

Dear Parents/Carers

Your child had an assembly to officially launch the Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Bronze Award programme. We are incredibly excited to offer this enriching opportunity to our pupils.

The DofE Bronze Award is a prestigious programme that offers a fantastic opportunity for personal growth and development. By participating, pupils develop essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership, problem-solving, resilience, and self-reliance. It boosts their confidence, helps them discover new talents, and significantly enhances their CVs and university applications, demonstrating a well-rounded and committed individual.

During the assembly, we discussed the four sections of the Bronze Award:

- **Volunteering:** Giving back to the community through a chosen service. (3/6 months)
- **Physical:** Improving in a sport or fitness activity. (3/6 months)
- **Skills:** Developing a new talent or hobby. (3/6 months)
- **Expedition:** Planning, training for, and completing an adventurous journey.

To successfully complete the award, pupils will need to meet expectations for finishing each section within a set timeframe and attend some compulsory training, both in and out of school.

Please note the following **non-negotiable dates for 2026**, which are essential for participation:

### Navigation Days:

- Year 9: 13th March 2026
- Year 10: 20th March 2026

### In-School Training:

- Year 9 and 10: 21st March 2026

### Practice Day:

- Year 9 and 10: 25th April 2026

### Qualifying Expedition:

- Year 9 and 10: 10 - 11th July 2026



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In terms of cost, the total fee for the Bronze programme is currently estimated at **£238**. The initial payment required to secure a place will be **£30.50**. This is a non-refundable registration fee that enrolls your pupil onto the official DofE programme. The remaining cost will cover essential elements such as training, the qualifying expedition, and some basic kit hire.

At this stage, we are simply ensuring all pupils and parents have this initial information to consider their choice. You will be formally invited to an information evening in September, where we will delve deeper into the DofE programme, answer any questions you may have, and from there, payments will open on Arbor.

We look forward to embarking on this incredible journey with our pupils!

If you have any questions please email myself at [emily.marsden@georegeliotacademy.org.uk](mailto:emily.marsden@georegeliotacademy.org.uk)

Kind regards

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