



15th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Your child has expressed an interest in signing up to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme for this school year. This letter, as well as the information video and presentation on the website, will give you all the guidance you and your child will need before signing up.

Before signing up you must watch the information presentation on the school website. You will find this on www.southwirral.wirral.sch.uk and then under the 'Information' section and 'Duke of Edinburgh'. Underneath the video there is a 'PowerPoint presentation' button which will open it.

Key Information

Year 9 - sign up to Bronze

Cost

Initial registration fee **£23.50 for bronze. The expedition cost is £110 for bronze.** This covers camping costs and transport. You will also have to purchase some equipment and clothing to take part. We provide tents, bags, and the cooking equipment, but warmer clothes and walking boots, and food for the duration of the expedition is essential. You can find a DofE kit list on

https://www.dofe.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Expedition_Kit_List-Sept2019.pdf

Expectations of the Course:

Bronze has four sections to complete. Each section is completed over a different amount of time 1 section will take 6 months to complete and 2 sections will take 3 months. Students can choose which section they assign to which length of time.

Physical - taking part or doing a physical activity e.g. swimming, football, gymnastics

Skill - learning or improving a skill e.g. sewing, leadership, first aid, sign language, SWHS UK Warhammer Alliance (provided in school), E-sports

Volunteering - help out (for free) at a school club, or sports club, or other organisation for the length of time required.

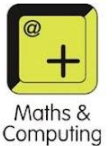
Expedition - for the required time you will walk and then camp at a location in the UK

School will organise the expeditions including transport to the locations. Students themselves must organise the activities for the other sections.

They will also be expected to attend a weekly after-school club on a Monday in order to learn the skills required for the expeditions.

Expeditions

Bronze - Saturday 14th May 2022-Sunday 15th May 2022





The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a demanding but worthwhile course. It requires hard work, independence and determination to achieve. The most demanding aspect is the expedition. You will have to carry all your equipment, including group equipment, for the required distance. With this in mind, students will only be allowed on the expedition if they have made sufficient progress on their other sections throughout the year.

Students will have to provide evidence of what they have achieved. Once signed up they will receive a booklet through the post and also a log on to the eDofE portal. They can upload pictures and reports of their activities, but they also have to provide an assessor's report for each section. This could be written in their booklet or uploaded online. The assessor can be a teacher, coach, music tutor or similar, but it cannot be a family member.

Dropping Out

Once started, students have until they are 25 to complete their DofE award. If they drop out and no longer wish to take part they can always take it up again at a later date. **You will still however have to pay in full all amounts once you have signed up. There are no refunds.**

Sign Up Deadline and Payment

If your child wishes to sign up they must send the reply slip with registration fee back by Friday 5th November 2021. Please hand it in to Mrs Dennis in student services.

The registration fee (23.50) must be paid by **Friday 26th November 2021**
£100 must be paid towards the expedition by **Friday 21st January 2021**
The remaining balance must be paid by **February half term**

The total cost of £133.50 will be added to your SCO account. Payments can be made via SCO or via the school office. If you require your SCO details contact the school for them to be sent out.

More information can be found at

www.dofe.org.uk

If you are still interested, please complete the registration form over the page

Yours sincerely

Mrs Dennis and Mrs Barr



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Duke of Edinburgh Sign Up

Name: _____

Registration Group: _____

Bronze _____

Silver _____

Gold _____



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Child's Declaration:

As a participant I agree to join the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and participate in the activities to the best of my ability. I have watched the information presentation and understand all that is expected of me. I understand that it is hard work and will require dedication and perseverance. I understand that in order to attend the expedition, I must make progress on my other sections of the award first and attend the after school clubs to complete training.



Signed (child) _____

Parents Declaration:

I agree for my child to be enrolled on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and I enclose (or will pay online) the required registration fee. I have watched the information presentation and I understand that there are costs involved with my child being enrolled. I understand that if my child changes their mind and decides that they no longer wish to participate, that I will still have to pay the registration fee and the expedition costs. I have discussed with my child the expectations of the course and we know what we have to do to complete the level we are signing up for,



Signed (parent) _____