

# Duke of Edinburgh Award



Registration Evening  
Wednesday 28  
September 2016





# AIM OF THE EVENING

- What is the Award?
- What value is the Award?
- What commitment is involved in completing the Award?
- What costs are involved in completing the Award?



# THE AWARD LEVELS

- Split into three:
  - Bronze
  - Silver
  - Gold - Offered to Yr 12 and 13
- Anyone who wants to complete or do Silver in Year 12 will be encouraged to do so as the Award is progressive and Direct Entry is extremely difficult. They may then do Gold in Year 13.



# THE AWARD SECTIONS

- Split into four (five for Gold)
  - Volunteering
  - Physical
  - Skill
  - Expedition
  - Residential (Only for Gold)



# BRONZE

- Maximum time to complete
  - Six months
- Four Sections
  - Volunteering
  - Physical
  - Skill
  - Expedition



# SILVER

- Maximum time to complete
  - Six months - If you have completed Bronze
  - Longer - If you have not done Bronze
- Four Sections
  - Volunteering
  - Physical
  - Skill
  - Expedition



# GOLD

- Maximum time to complete
  - Twelve months - If you have completed Silver
  - Eighteen months - If you have not done Silver
- Five Sections
  - Volunteering
  - Physical
  - Skill
  - Expedition
  - Residential



# VOLUNTEERING

- Aim
  - To inspire young people to make a difference within their community or to an individual's life and develop compassion by giving service to others:
    - Helping People
    - Community action and raising awareness
    - Working with the environment or animals
    - Helping a charity or community organisation





# PHYSICAL

- Aim
  - To inspire young people to achieve greater physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle through participation and improvement in physical activity
    - Individual sports
    - Dance
    - Fitness
    - Martial Arts
    - Racquet sports
    - Water sports
    - Extreme sports
    - Team sports



# SKILL

- Aim
  - To inspire young people to develop practical and social skills and personal interests.
    - Performance arts                      Science & Technology
    - Care of animals                        Music
    - Natural world                           Games & sports
    - Life skills                                Learning & Collecting
    - Media & Communication           Creative arts

# EXPEDITION

- Aim
  - To inspire young people to develop initiative and a spirit of adventure and discovery, by planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey as part of a team and delivering a piece of work relating to the aim chosen
    - Silver - three days - two nights (7 hrs/day)
    - Gold - four days - three nights (8 hrs/day)

**NOT COMPLETE UNTIL THE AIM PRESENTATION IS DELIVERED!**

# EXPEDITION

- Training
  - All participants MUST attend unless they have trained with me previously
  - Two days provided in school (training days/weekend)
- Practice Expedition
  - Identifying group members
  - Preparation of Kit - Group/Individual
  - Writing menus and purchasing food
  - Deciding on/and writing Route Cards
- Qualifying/Assessed Expedition
  - Preparation of Kit
  - Writing menus and purchasing food
  - Deciding on/and writing Route Cards
  - Compiling and delivering Aim presentations



# RESIDENTIAL

- Aim
  - To inspire participants through a concentrated involvement with people they don't know, who are usually from different backgrounds, and bring alternative views to the challenges they will face
    - Service to others
    - Learning
    - Environment & conservation
    - Activity based

# Registration Process

- Complete and hand in the Registration and School Application Forms and pay on Parent pay
- You will then receive (after about four weeks):
  - a Participants Pack (from Mrs Walker)
  - an eDofE User name and password (via the email you complete on the form)
  - A compass to keep as your personal piece of emergency equipment

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- All the guidance you as a participant or parent may need is available from the DofE website:
  - <http://www.dofe.org>
  - If you cannot find what you want please feel free to email me on:
  - [dofe@robertcarretrust.uk](mailto:dofe@robertcarretrust.uk)

Browser window showing the website <http://www.dofe.org/>. The page features the Duke of Edinburgh's Award logo and navigation links: Home, Support our Charity, Run the DofE, Do your DofE, About us. A search bar is visible with the text "English Cymraeg".

**What is a DofE Award?**

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is the world's leading youth achievement award, giving millions of 14 to 24-year-olds the opportunity to be the very best they can be.

**Support our Charity**

Donate to the DofE or become a corporate partner and play a vital role in shaping the success of future generations

**Run the DofE**

Schools, colleges, young offender institutions and more, plus thousands of volunteers, help to run the DofE. Come on board and transform young lives

**Do your DofE**

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The eDofE log in is here



# OVERALL COMMITTMENT

- Time
  - Vol, Phys, Skill Sections - 1hr per week approx
  - Expedition - 2x Trg Days + 2x Exped Prep/Completion
- Students will be contacted via:
  - School Comms (for parent information)
  - DofE Noticeboard (Both School Sites)
  - School emails
  - eDofE messenger
- Students will need to be:
  - Organised
  - Independent
  - Team players
  - Good communicators



# COST IMPLICATIONS

- Expeditions

- Training - 2 Days free of charge
- Practice Expedition - £50-60 (depending on level)
- Qualifying/Assessed Expedition - £50-60 (depending on level)

- Registration

- £50 for Silver; £80 for Gold
  - Includes
    - DofE registration (online account and pack)
    - Personal Issue Compass
    - Administration and Operating Licence
    - Kit maintenance and repair



# SCHOOL ASSISTANCE

- Coordinator
  - Paid/employed to support all participants
    - guidance, advise, and administration
    - Enrichment Afternoon - Wednesday
    - DofE Club - Wednesday Lunchtime
- Stores
  - Expedition stores for loan of equipment
    - Rucksacks, Tents, Stoves & burners, Maps & map cases



# SUPPORTERS

- Trainers, Supervisors and Assessors
  - DofE Co-ordinator – Employed
  - Teaching staff – Volunteers
  - Admin/Support staff – Volunteers
  - Parents/Friends of the School – Volunteers
- Local Clubs, Societies, Businesses
  - Many who support the Schools in Sleaford by offering DofE opportunities in Volunteering, Skills or Physical

# Evidence and eDofE

- You need to log onto your eDofE account ASAP
- You need to set up each section fully and submit for approval
- You need to add evidence as often as you can to each section – weekly blogs/photos
- You need to get your assessor to complete their report at the end of the time period
- eDofE Clinics will be offered in the year
- NB – Please ask if you need support

# COMPLETION

- Celebration of Completion
  - Gold completions will be invited to St. James Palace London
  - School hold a Celebration Evening annually
    - All completed Award participants will be invited
    - Held the evening Wednesday 9 November 2016
- Achievement Pack
  - Only as good as the effort put in
    - The more photographs and evidence you add to each section the better this will be
  - Free to save as a PDF on pen/hard drive
  - Can purchase from DofE in Hardback or Leatherette
    - NB The completion of this can only take place for 12 weeks after your Award has been signed off!

ANY QUESTIONS??

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