



Wednesday 12th October 2022

Dear Year 9 Students and Parents/Carers,

Re: Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award at Broadoak Academy

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is the world's leading achievement award for young people, and is highly regarded by Universities, Colleges and Employers. It encourages young people to develop independence, commitment, leadership and teamwork through being involved in a personalised programme of activities. The school fully supports the award and recognises its value for developing skills and attributes in young people.

It takes approximately 6-8 months to complete the Bronze level and a regular commitment to various activities for the duration of the Award is required. DofE leaders along with other academy staff will be happy to give advice and support to help students to choose appropriate activities.

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award is split into four sections: **Volunteering**, **Physical**, **Skill** and **Expedition**. For the 3 sections below, students will need to complete either 3 or 6 months of an activity and provide evidence to an assessor who will complete an Assessor's Report at the end of the time. Here are some ideas for the section activities, which can be completed in school through extra-curricular activities or at home – [see activity ideas](#).

Expedition – The expedition section of the award will take place in Spring/Summer 2023 and more information about this including dates, locations and payments will follow after Christmas. We do not want any students to miss out on the expedition due to cost so if this a concern for you, please indicate on the sign-up form. **Students will need to have completed their other sections before being invited to take part in the expeditions.** **Kit** – We supply group kit for the expeditions and can support with individual kit such as boots, rucksacks, sleeping bags etc. so please don't feel you need to source this immediately. If you would like to ask for kit for Christmas presents, please just contact dofe@broadoakacademy.clf.uk for a list or we will discuss kit in detail from January.

Certificate of Achievement

There is currently the possibility for pupils to achieve the DofE Certificate of Achievement for completing the volunteering, physical and skill sections without completing the expedition section.

Enrolment Fee

We are able to offer students who receive free school meals to enrol free of charge this year by applying to the DofE Resilience fund for the £24. Please select on the sign-up form if you would like us to apply for this funding for you. We do ask for your commitment to the award and support for your child in completing their sections.

How to sign up:

To sign up, please complete this [Broadoak Academy DofE Sign Up Form](#) by **Friday 11th November 2022**. We have to apply for the funded places by a certain date so unfortunately will not be able to accept any sign ups after this date. If you are not receiving funding for the enrolment, the £24 will need to be paid on ParentPay by **Friday 18th November 2022**, it will be added to your ParentPay once you have completed the sign up form.

How do I find out more about the Duke of Edinburgh Award?

There are lots of useful videos on the [DofE YouTube Channel](#). We will also be offering the following information events which we would encourage all Year 9 students to attend if they are at all interested in the Award.

Tuesday 18th October 2022 at 5pm – Parent/Carer Information and Q&A Session at Broadoak Academy. **If your child is signing up to DofE it is important you attend this session.**

Please sign up to the session and ask any questions on the sign-up form!

Attending DofE sessions in school:

To complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award, students will need to attend **DofE after school sessions on the following dates:**

Wednesday 9th November 3pm-4.30pm in C1 – compulsory

Wednesday 16th November 3pm-4pm in C1 – drop in session if required.

Wednesday 23rd November 3pm-4.30pm in C1 – you will be given your eDofE logins on this date.

Wednesday 14th December 3pm-4.30pm in C1 – compulsory, if you are all set up you may be able to leave this session earlier.

We will send more details about sessions from January once students have signed up. If your child would like to take part in DofE but has other commitments at this time, please just let us know as we don't want this to be a barrier to them taking part.

Please take some time to look at the DofE website www.dofe.org with your child and start to plan what they might do for their Volunteering, Physical and Skill sections.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions. You can email dofe@broadoakacademy.clf.uk

We look forward to lots of you joining the DofE award.

Mrs Kasht, Dr Sneezum, Mr Dunn, Miss Lincoln and Mrs Ball
Broadoak Academy DofE Leader Team

