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## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Information Presentation



# Aims of this presentation

- Outline the Award in general and at AMVC
- Give advice regarding equipment
- See if it's for you!



# The benefits of the Award

- Nationally recognised and well respected
- CV / Job applications
- University offers
- Feeling of achievement
- Memories and stories
- New experiences



# Personal Development

- Self-belief and self-confidence
- Learn from and give to others in the community
- Problem solving and communication skills
- Leadership and teamwork skills
- Initiative
- A sense of responsibility
- New talents and abilities
- The ability to plan and use time



# Are you suitable for the Award?

Reliable

Well behaved

Trustworthy

Enthusiastic

Responsible

Motivated



# Who can take part?

- **Bronze – Year 10**
  - maximum 84
  - Lottery system
- **Silver – Year 11**
  - maximum 35
  - No automatic continuation from Bronze to Silver due to restriction on numbers
- **Gold – Year 12 and 13**



# The cost of the Award

Once places are confirmed there is no refund.

The cost includes:

- Training
- Camping fees
- DofE enrolment
- Insurance



# What is involved at Bronze level?

## BRONZE

Volunteering **3** months

Physical **3** months

Skills **3** months

Expedition **2** days **1** night



*PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.*

The duration of each section increases at Silver and Gold

Gold level also has a residential section



# What is involved at Silver level?



## SILVER

Volunteering **6 months**

Physical

one section for  
6 months, the

Skills

other for 3 months

*Plus an extra 6 months in the Volunteering, or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections if you haven't got Bronze.*

Expedition **3 days 2 nights**



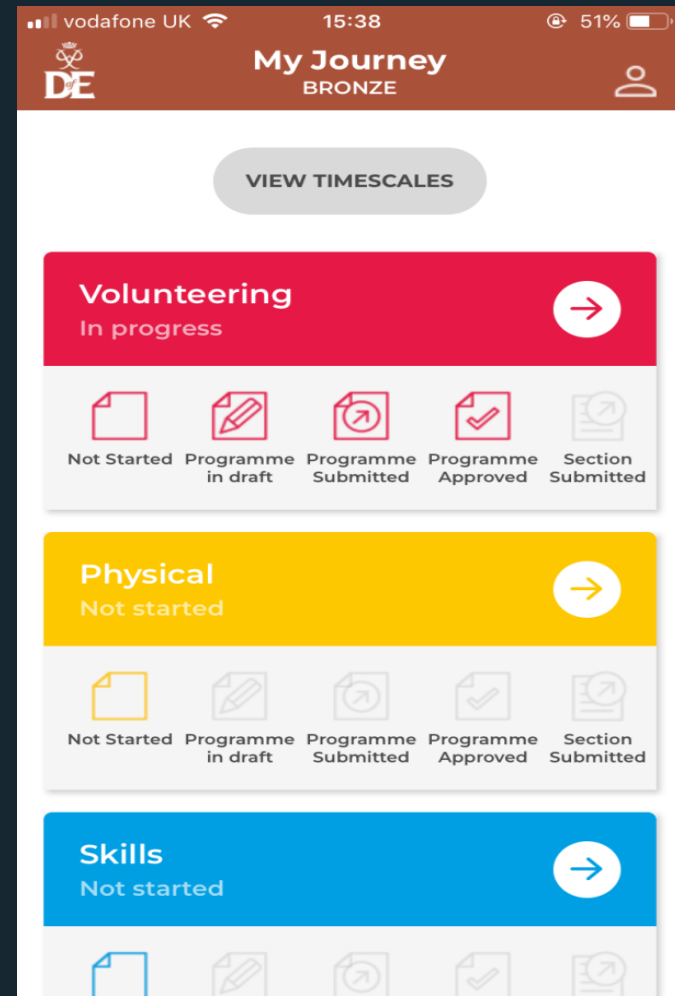
# Physical, Skill and Volunteering Sections

- Organised by you
- An hour a week for 3 months (or 6)
- Always
  - Check your activity is listed in the DofE booklet/website
  - Ask your assessor before beginning the activity
  - Upload your programme plan to eDofE before beginning the activity
- You need to have some diversity
- These sections and the evidence must be uploaded by Thursday 30 April 2026. Students who fail to meet this deadline will not be permitted to take part in the Qualifying Expedition
- Enjoy it and learn from the experience!



# eDofE

- Once enrolled you will be sent an email with login details.
- Your username will be set to be the same as at school eg 18smitha
- DofE will send you a Welcome Pack the first time you log on (use the find address function)
- Add details of what you want to do so we can check!
- Meet your deadline dates



# eDofE - Assessors

- All evidence must be entered online
- Assessors to fill in report cards from your Welcome Pack, then you can upload as a photo
- Add other photos
- The assessor cannot be a relative

Make sure you check the dates at the top are correct!



ASSESSOR'S REPORT:  
VOLUNTEERING

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_  
eDofE ID No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Level: **Bronze**

Description of activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Date started: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Completed: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (\_\_\_ months)

Goals set by participant: \_\_\_\_\_

### Assessor's comments:

*Please write as much as possible, talking about training, teamwork (if applicable) and achievements. What you write will celebrate the achievement of the young person and form part of their permanent record of their DofE programme. Please note: the information you have provided in this report will be scanned and stored by the DofE as part of its record of the participant's achievement. The DofE will not share your personal data with third parties.*

What progress did they make towards their goals?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What did they achieve? What skills did they learn?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How frequently did they take part in this activity?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Any other comments?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Assessor's first name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's position/qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Participants should scan or photograph this page and upload to eDofE as evidence.*

# Skills Section

- Learn a new skill or take up a new hobby
- Must be different to your normal daily routine
- Can be an individually organised activity or a training programme with associated qualification



# Physical Section

- Undertake a physical activity or sport
- Can be as part of a team/group or completed individually
- Can be a formal, organised activity, or not
- Must be outside your daily routine (eg cycling to school does not count)



# Volunteering Section



- Needs to be with a charity or not-for-profit organisation (not a business or individual)
- Can be an individually organised scheme, routine or project or a formal course, group or qualification
- Certified First Aid can count towards this, equivalent to 6 weeks – but then you must volunteer in a First Aider role

# Expeditions: Bronze

- Practice Walk
- Qualifying Expedition
  - 2 day walk in Rutland (6 hours/day)
  - Camping at Wing





# Expeditions: Silver and Gold



- Silver:
  - 7 hours a day for 3 days/2 nights
  - Practice September of Year 11
  - Qualify June of Year 11 (after exams)
  - North York Moors and Shropshire
- Gold:
  - 8 hours a day for 4 days/3 nights
  - Practice July of Year 12 (after exams)
  - Qualify July of Year 13 (after exams)
  - Lake District

# Bronze Expedition Training

- Independent Learning Booklet
- One **compulsory** after school session on Thursday 16 April 2026 (until about 5.00 pm) to cover:
  - Route planning
  - Map work / Use of compass
  - Countryside Code
  - Camp craft (tents, food, cooking, etc)
  - Weather
  - Equipment and rucksacks
  - First Aid



# Personal Kit

- Rucksack – minimum 60L
- Waterproof trousers and coat
- Walking boots/shoes
- Walking socks
- Base layers
- Compass
- Sleeping bag
- Water bottle-2L



Our decision on suitability is final

See [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org) or the booklet for more details and full kit list – hold onto the list for Silver/Gold!

# Waterproof?



# Team kit (mostly) provided by AMVC

- You need to provide matches, washing up liquid (you will not need much!) and source suitable tents within your group
- AMVC will provide
  - Small first aid kit (not blister plasters)
  - Map cases
  - Stoves and fuel



We will send you the bill for missing/damaged equipment

# Mobile phone use on expedition



- When walking, mobile phones must only be used for emergency calls (including to staff) or to take photos
- Mobile phones must be turned off and handed to staff when arriving at the campsite
- Mobile phone battery can be preserved by turning off mobile data
- If a mobile phone is required for medication reminders, this must be discussed with Mr Pepper/Mrs Ward before the Qualifying Expedition
- Students using their mobile phone for other purposes at the campsite will not pass the expedition

# Staff Responsibilities

- To train, organise, supervise and help students achieve the standard required SAFELY
- To work within the statutory framework
- To communicate with parents/carers as and when necessary



# Student Responsibilities

- To check the noticeboard
- Attendance at training
- Organising the other sections
- Add activity plans to eDofE
- Upload evidence to eDofE
- Kit care and return
- Make sure you behave in school!
- Talk to Mr Pepper/Mrs Ward
- Meet the deadlines (see eDofE deadline dates)!





# Student Responsibilities

## On Expedition

- To follow all rules and instructions as if they were at school
- To follow the planned route and training instructions
- To stay as a group at all times
- To be sensible and safe
- Comply with the mobile phone policy
- To be well prepared with enough equipment and food to be self sufficient

Failure to do so will mean you will not pass the expedition



# Parent Responsibilities



- To get your child to speak to us directly in the first instance for any queries
- Motivate
- Prompt replies
- Encourage organisation (including eDofE)
- Collect your child promptly

# What's next?

- The online enrolment form will need to be completed and submitted by Thursday 27 March 2025 via this link, along with the £50 deposit via ParentPay: <https://forms.office.com/e/aRnENSYpbr>
- The remaining £50.00 is due by **Thursday 17 July 2025**. All payments are non-refundable after the set deadlines. Unsuccessful applicants will have deposits refunded.





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# Thank you!

