



HARROGATE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

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Dear Students and Parents/Carers

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award - Year 10

I write with good news, to inform you about an exciting opportunity for year 10 students. The Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) is an extra-curricular scheme aimed at 13-25 year olds. It is designed to develop new skills, improve levels of fitness, provide an opportunity to volunteer and a chance to develop lasting friendships and memories. At HGS we offer the Bronze award to Year 10 students and the Gold award to Year 12 and 13 students.

How it works

It will usually take you at least 6 months to complete your Bronze programme.

The Bronze award is split into 4 sections:

- Volunteering section: 3 months
- Physical section: 3 months
- Skills section: 3 months
- Expedition section: 2 days/1 night

You also have to spend an extra three months on one of the Volunteering, Physical or Skills sections. Activities for each DofE section take a minimum of **one hour a week** over a set period of time, so they can be fitted in around academic study, hobbies and social lives. Development and regular progress must be shown, and all activities must be completed by the participant's 25th birthday, however we encourage students to finish their Bronze award by the end of Year 10.

COVID-19 has had an impact on the delivery of the award and we have had to be creative and make adjustments to make it possible. The DofE has created a new part to its website called '*DofE with a difference*'. It contains lots of useful ideas for each of the sections above that comply with the national guidelines in response to the virus.

<https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference>

Expedition section

Due to the current pandemic, this section of the award is a challenge to facilitate. This is what we hope to deliver in collaboration with Lupine Adventure

- Students will receive 3 x two-hour Microsoft TEAMS events to cover theory training required to complete a safe and successful expedition. **Dates TBC**
- **8 May 2021:** 1-day expedition training day (outdoor). Students will be supported by a qualified instructor who will deliver the necessary expedition training in preparation for the assessed expedition.
- **12 – 13 June 2021:** The assessed expedition is a 2 day/1 night expedition. This will be local. Students will need to be dropped off and collected by parents at designated points at the start and end of each day. There will be an expectation that students camp in their gardens on the Saturday evening. For students without gardens, there will be the opportunity to camp (socially distanced) at school. This will be supervised by two members of HGS staff.

Costs

Due to the current pandemic, there are two routes though the award:

Route	Cost	Details
Route 1 Registration and welcome pack	£22	<p>This is compulsory and non-refundable.</p> <p>For students who want to participate in the award but do not want to complete the expedition section. This group only need to pay for the registration and welcome pack. Students taking this route would not need to participate in the training TEAMS meetings or attend the expedition events provided by Lupine Adventure.</p> <p>They will be supported by HGS staff to complete their volunteering, physical and skill section.</p> <p>Students will be issued with certificates of achievement for the sections they complete.</p>
Route 2 Registration, welcome pack and expedition	Cost of welcome pack- £22	<p>This is compulsory and non-refundable.</p> <p>They will be supported by HGS staff to complete their volunteering, physical and skill section.</p>
	Expedition £150	<p>This includes the expedition events (3 x TEAMS meetings, 1-day expedition, 2 day/1 night assessed expedition as detailed above) which will be delivered by Lupine Adventure. In the event of another national lockdown, you will be offered new dates or a refund.</p> <p>There may be some students that choose this option but are then isolating during the expedition events. In this event students will be offered a refund and they will receive certificates for the sections they do complete.</p> <p>Students that complete all 4 sections will achieve the Bronze DofE certificate and a badge to recognise their achievement.</p>
	Total	£172

Next steps:

If your son/daughter would like to participate in the award, please follow the link below and complete [Microsoft Form](#) by **6pm Friday 26 February**.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this information. If you would like further information about the award please look at the [DofE website](#) Feel free to get in touch if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,



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