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Dear Student and Parent/Carer

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh – Year 10

Following the assembly yesterday morning, I write to give you further details about an exciting opportunity for Year 10 students. The Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award is an extra-curricular award scheme aimed at 13-24 year olds. It is designed to develop new skills, improve 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 between 6 and 12 months to complete the 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.

Expedition section

For the expedition section we work in collaboration with a local provider, Lupine Adventure (<https://www.lupineadventure.co.uk/>). With expected high numbers of participants, we plan to split the cohort in half and run expedition events on the following dates:

- **Saturday 9 – Sunday 10 May 2026** – Cohort 1 Practice expedition
- **Saturday 16 – Sunday 17 May 2026** – Cohort 1 Assessed expedition
- **Saturday 27 – Sunday 28 June 2026** – Cohort 2 Practice expedition
- **Saturday 4 – Sunday 5 July 2026** – Cohort 2 Assessed expedition

For the practice expedition, each expedition group will be trained and supported by a qualified instructor who delivers the necessary expedition training in preparation for the assessed expedition. Both practice and assessed expeditions are 2 days/1 night. Students will camp in tents at local campsites. Students will need to be dropped off and collected by parents at designated points at the start and end of the expedition – details to follow.

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In school training

To cover all the pre-expedition training and planning there will be 3 after school sessions (details to follow). It is important that participating students attend these training events.

Costs

Route	Cost	Details
Registration and welcome pack	£30.50	This is non-refundable. Once registered on the award, students will receive a welcome pack through the post. This contains important information about the award including a 'keeping track book' that they use to record their assessor reports. If students don't complete the award during their time at HGS, their account remains active, and they have until their 25 th birthday to complete the award.
Expedition	£248	This includes the events mentioned above. Students that complete all 4 sections will achieve certificates for each section and a badge to recognise their achievement.
Licence fee	£10.00	HGS pays for the licence to deliver the DofE award. This is a contribution to that fee.
Equipment	£6.50	This is for equipment that is borrowed from HGS. This allows us to purchase/repair necessary equipment that can be lent to students. This includes gas, stoves and tents
Total	£295	

We do understand that the cost may be prohibitive for some families, and we would not wish to preclude any students from taking part on this basis. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact hgsfinance@hgs.rklt.co.uk.

Next steps

- If you would like to participate in the award, please click on link below to complete the Application Form by **6pm on Monday 17 November**. This **needs to be completed by students** on HGS iPads, as they need to be signed in to their account to access the form.

[Bronze DofE Application Form](#)

Many thanks for taking the time to read this information. If you would like further information about the award, please look at the D of E website: <https://www.dofe.org>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely



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