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Dear parents and carers

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD - SUMMARY

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, at Bronze level, is comprised of four sections. These are the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections and the Expedition.

The Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections are to be completed outside of school and under the direction and motivation of the participant themselves. It is their responsibility to find and undertake these sections. I am happy to discuss these sections with the participants and a list of ideas can be found at <https://www.dofe.org/do/>

In summary:

**Volunteering** Carried out for ~1hr per week continuously for 3 months. This section is designed to promote independence in the participant and allow them to help out in the community. Usual volunteering activities include helping out at a Brownies/Cubs group, working in a charity shop, litter picking/beach clean. The work that the participant undertakes must not take the form of a role that would usually be paid, nor can they receive payment themselves. A list of remote opportunities can be found here: <https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/activities>

**Physical** Carried out for ~1hr per week continuously for 3 months. Any physical activity, either team based or individual. It can be an existing activity or the participant can start a new one.

**Skills** Carried out for ~1hr per week continuously for 3 months. The participant can continue to develop an existing skill, such as playing a musical instrument, or learn a new skill. The skill cannot be sport-based, unless it is umpiring/refereeing.

**Any one of the above for a further 3 months.** One of the above activities must be carried out for 6 months (~1hr per week).

All three activities can run concurrently.

For the three activities, the students will need to complete an activity log, recording what they have completed each session and how long for, and they will need an assessor. The assessor is an adult (over 18) who will be with the participant for most, if not all, sessions and who will write an assessor's report at the end of the section. The assessor should not be a parent or family member.



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If you have any questions about these three sections, please email me [dofe@hartismere.com](mailto:dofe@hartismere.com).

## **Expedition**

The fourth section of the Award is the expedition. At Bronze this takes the form of a two day, one night walking expedition, assessed by an external assessor.

We usually carry out training sessions on a Tuesday afternoon after school. Confirmation of this will be provided prior to the end of the winter term.

We also run a local walk with full kit from school at the end of April and a practice expedition to help prepare the participants for the qualifying expedition.

## **Training programme for after school sessions and the skills day:**

- Team-building
- Navigation, route planning, map and compass skills
- Camp craft equipment
- Food and cooking, hygiene
- First aid and emergency procedures
- Risk, health and safety
- Countryside Code
- Proficiency in the mode of travel

More information can be found at [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)

## **Provisional Diary Dates:**

After school training sessions will begin **Tuesday 15 December**.

The local walk will be held on **Saturday 24 April** in school

The practice weekend will be held **Sat 12 & Sun 13 June** (Aldeburgh to Dunwich)

The qualifying weekend will be held **Sat 18 & Sun 19 September** (Cromer to Weybourne to West Runton)

Further details on each expedition will be shared nearer the time.

## **Costs**

The total cost of undertaking the award will be £170.

This fee covers the following:

- Enrolment on to the Award Scheme and registration with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Charity.
- The practice and qualifying expeditions; pitch fees, transport costs and assessor fees.
- A day of team building and navigation exercises at Thorpe Woodlands (details to follow).
- An external first aid trainer to lead one of the Wednesday sessions.
- An embroidered Regatta microfleece.
- A 10% discount card at Go Outdoors.

This payment can be paid by either cheque or ParentPay. Please make cheques payable to 'Hartismere School' and write the pupil name on the reverse – to be given in to pupil services, together with the completed enrolment form, medical information form and fleece order form (attached), by **FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER**. Please note that the email address given on the enrolment form should be that of the pupil and not the parent.

Alternatively, payment can be made in instalments via ParentPay. We suggest the following schedule of payments:

£34 by 6 November  
£34 by 4 December  
£34 by 8 January  
£34 by 5 February  
£34 by 5 March

Instalment payments can be made by entering the instalment amount on the ParentPay page. You can pay in differing amounts but please ensure that all payments are made by 5 March 2027.

The number of available places on the Bronze Award is limited to 50. If there are in excess of 50 enrolments on Monday 9 November then names will be drawn out of a hat. Only the names of students who have paid either the first payment or in full **and** who have handed in the relevant forms by 6 November will be entered. Students will be notified if they are successful in the week of 9 November and unsuccessful students will be refunded in full.

There may also be some further expenditure on personal equipment. I will be loaning out tents and Trangia stoves during the spring term. If you would like to buy any items such as walking boots or rucksacks before the summer term, please don't hesitate to ask for advice – better than buying the wrong thing! I will be offering a kit buying service through the school's kit supplier in the new year. If cost is a problem at any time please feel free to confidentially discuss this with me.

Copies of all information given out over the year and all resources used can be found on the DofE Portal Page on the school website <https://www.hartismere.com/Clubs-Trips-Activities/Duke-of-Edinburgh>



***Any problems or questions please contact me, Dr Sparshott or Mrs Leeper (office) on the school number – 01379 870315 or email address [dofe@hartismere.com](mailto:dofe@hartismere.com)***

Yours faithfully

Dr N Sparshott  
Duke of Edinburgh Manager





## DofE Participant Enrolment Form

Please print clearly in CAPITALS or type your details in. You must complete all of the questions.

DofE Centre: HARTISMERE SCHOOL

### DofE level:

Bronze ☐ Silver ☐

Have you registered for any previous levels of the DofE? No ☐ Yes ☐

If YES – please give the name of the DofE Centre you were registered at:

eDofE ID number (if known) :

### Personal details:

|                                  |                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| First name:                      | Last name:                                                                                                      |
| Date of birth:        /        / | Primary language English <input type="checkbox"/> Welsh <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> |

When you first sign in to eDofE you will be asked to record some personal details such as your contact details, ethnicity and personal circumstances along with details of any medical needs you may have. This data is used to enable your Leaders to support you doing your DofE programme and for the DofE's statistical and reporting purposes. You will always have a 'prefer not to say' option.

### Declaration:

I agree to enrol as a participant on a DofE programme. I understand that I will be managing my programme using the online eDofE system. I acknowledge that this system has a set of terms and conditions that I agree to. These terms and conditions are available at [www.eDofE.org](http://www.eDofE.org)

| Print Name | Signature | Date   |
|------------|-----------|--------|
|            |           | /    / |

### Consent to enrol from parent or guardian (if applicant is under 18 years old).

I agree to my son / daughter / ward doing a DofE programme. I note that it is my responsibility to check that any activity my son / daughter / ward undertakes for their DofE programme is appropriately managed and insured, unless the activity is directly managed or organised by their DofE group, centre or Licensed Organisation.

| Print Name | Signature | Date   |
|------------|-----------|--------|
|            |           | /    / |





**PARENTAL CONSENT FORM**

PC//03

NAME OF CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

Hartismere School

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

VISIT(S) TO Bronze DofE Expeditions

DATE(S) OF VISIT(S) \_\_\_\_\_

I have received and read details of the above visit(s).

I consent to my child taking part in the visit(s) and the activities indicated. I acknowledge that the staff will be liable in the event of any accident only if they have failed to take reasonable care of my child during the visit.

I have read any information provided with regard to the standard of behaviour and/or code of conduct expected during the visit and I undertake to reinforce this information with my child.

I consent to my child receiving medical treatment that, in the opinion of a qualified medical practitioner, may be necessary.

My child's doctor's name and address is \_\_\_\_\_

I undertake to pay the required sums by whatever date(s) are specified to me and accept that, in respect of any withdrawal from the visit for whatever reasons, there will be no refund of the whole or part of the payment(s) made unless the circumstances are covered by travel insurance or otherwise at the discretion of the school governors.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECTIONS BELOW**

1. Please give your home address and telephone number. If you will be away from home during the visit please give an alternative address where you, or a relative or friend acting for you, can be contacted.

Home Address

Alternative Contact if required

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that this number may be used as part of a telephone tree, therefore published to other parents

2. In your child's interest, it is important that the organising staff should know whether he or she suffers from any **illness or medical condition**. Please use this space to state, in confidence, any health or other matter concerning your child of which accompanying staff should be aware. Please indicate here also if your child is receiving medication, with details and dosage, and/or has any **specific dietary requirements**.

Medical Conditions

Dietary Requirements



## Hartismere School Duke of Edinburgh's Award Fleeces Order Form

Pupil's Name: \_\_\_\_\_.

|                |                                 | Please<br>tick           |                                | Please<br>tick           |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Gender:</b> | Men's*<br>(1/4 Zip, non-fitted) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Women's*<br>(Full zip, fitted) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Colour:</b> | Black                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Black                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                | Dark Navy                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dark Navy                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                | Seal Grey                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Classic Red                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                | Bottle Green                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                |                          |
|                | Classic Red                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                |                          |
|                | Royal Blue                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                |                          |
| <b>Size:</b>   | S (36/37)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 (34)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (chest)        | M (39/40)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 (36)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                | L (41/42)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 14 (38)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                | XL (43/44)                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | 16 (40)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                | XXL (46/48)                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | 18 (42)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                |                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                |                          |

\*Fleeces are a different fit and zip for each gender, Please chose based on fit and zip.

