



**DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD 2021 - 2022**

Dear Parent,

For many years, Sheldon School has had the privilege of participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The school has helped hundreds of students achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold awards over the years and now is the chance for students in Y9 to take part.

D of E is often described as a life-changing experience for some and an opportunity to discover new interests and talents for others. It is seen as a tool to develop essential skills for life and work, a chance to make new friends and is a recognised mark of achievement across the world, respected by employers.

There are four sections to complete at the Bronze level. The Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections require one hour per week. 2 sections need to run for 3 months, the 3<sup>rd</sup> for 6 months. All can be done simultaneously.

The final section is the Expedition which is managed and run by an external company, H5 Adventure Ltd. Their fully qualified and specialised team provide training in March to all participating students prior to any expedition. They also manage and run the practice and qualifying weekend expeditions in May and June respectively in the lovely areas of Avebury and Barbury Castle. An appropriate number of staff from Sheldon School will accompany the students to support the H5 staff and see to the pupils welfare during the weekends.

The D of E award scheme is not an essential part of the curriculum. Parents of those pupils attending are therefore asked to make a contribution, we anticipate that the approximate cost will be £225 per student. The cost includes the D of E subscription, log book, a Discount card for Cotswold Outdoor/Go Outdoor, a training day with H5 adventure and both the practice and qualifying weekends. The payments will be split into 3 instalments, payable through Parent Pay.

1. £55 (tbc) by the end of Term 2 (December)
2. £85 (tbc) by the end of Term 3 (February)
3. £85 (tbc) by the end of Term 4 (April)

Costs will be confirmed as soon as possible, to enable us to confirm costings we would need an indication of numbers. Therefore, if you would like to give an expression of interest, please complete the return slip below and return to Mr Foo by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

The Y9 response to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is usually quite high and an early response will greatly help. The sooner the students are registered, the sooner they can start logging their evidence for the different sections. Please sign and return the tear off slip below if you wish your child to participate.

Yours sincerely,

R. Foo  
**Duke of Edinburgh Award Leader**

**Please return to Mr R Foo, Sheldon School Maths Faculty by 3pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Name of Pupil..... Tutor Group.....

I would like my child to participate in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme in the academic year 2021/2022 and I am prepared to contribute £225(tbc) to cover the costs of the Award.

Signed..... (Parent/Guardian)

