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Dear Blaise Families,

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

At Blaise High School we recognise the importance of children working hard to climb their own personal mountains to the very best universities in the country, or careers of their choosing.

I am writing to you to let you know about the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (or DofE Award) we offer at Blaise High School which students are eligible to begin when they enter year 9.

What is the DofE Award Scheme?

The DofE Award is an internationally recognized award for young people, designed to encourage them to develop independence, commitment, leadership, and teamwork through being involved in a personalised programme of activities. Any young person can do their D of E – regardless of ability, gender, background, or location.

The D of E Bronze Award Sections

The award requires those taking part to complete 4 sections:

- **Skill** (learning a skill at least once a week)
- **Physical** (participating in a physical activity at least once a week)
- **Volunteering** (being involved in an activity that benefits others once a week)
- **Expedition** (completing a training and assessed 2-day hike with an overnight camp) - Dates for the training and qualifying expeditions will be confirmed in the next academic year.

Further information and suggested activities for each of these sections can be found on our school website [here](#).

Participants will be expected to have their own personal kit for the expeditions; however, we have many items such as tents, cooking equipment, sleeping bags and rucksacks that students may borrow if needed. Students will require their own pair of hiking boots with ankle support.

How much does it cost?

There are some costs involved in completing the Bronze award:

D of E registration fee **£28** - This is non-refundable

Expeditions - **£40**

Total Award Cost - £68

Financial support may be available for these costs in certain cases. Please contact Mr Wallis if you would like to discuss this further.

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How will my child be supported during the award?

Each student will have an online eDofE account where they set up their activities for each section, along with the ability to upload evidence to support these activities. The eDofE service can also be accessed via a phone app which is particularly useful for uploading evidence on the go.

Expectations of participants

Whilst we open DofE awards to all students, there are some expectations we have of participants.

Students need to provide a regular update on their section progress. This can either be through discussions with their DofE manager or through submitting regular evidence in support of their award sections. If students do not commit to their award sections they may not complete their award within the academic year.

We will also be monitoring the behaviour and attendance of students on the award programme. If we believe that taking part in the award is negatively affecting their attendance or we do not feel student behaviour is acceptable for attending the expeditions we may not allow students to continue with their award. If we do make this decision any fees paid towards expeditions which have not yet occurred will be refunded however the DofE registration fee will be retained as this is non-refundable. It is the responsibility of all students and families to ensure good behaviour and attendance within school.

What should we do now?

If your child would like to partake in the DofE award, the DofE registration fee is available to pay via MCAS under the purchases tab between now and **Friday 27th September 2024**.

In the first few weeks of the new school year students will be invited to an eDofE sign up session to set up their online account and officially begin their award.

Please click on the link to watch the launch assembly [DofE Launch Assembly](#)

If you have any questions regarding the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award please contact Mr Wallis at wallism@blaisehighschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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