

22 October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Bronze DofE Award

The Bronze DofE Award is available to all Year 9s and is an excellent, prestigious award greatly valued by employers. The award is a fun way to explore interests and develop new skills, remain physically and mentally active, and feel plugged into something constructive and positive.

The Bronze Award is split into four sections; Volunteering, Physical, Skills, and Expedition. It's non-competitive and students can choose their own Volunteering, Physical and Skills activities which they commit to for between 3 and 6 months. By enrolling now some students could be well on their way to completing these first three sections in early 2022. For the Expedition, we anticipate that we'll support our students through this fourth section in the spring and summer dependent on rules and restrictions following the Covid pandemic.

Check out this [Bronze Parent-Carer video](#) and www.dofe.org for more information about the DofE Bronze Award and what's involved. We also have an information page on our website including programme ideas and activity logs <http://www.bexhillacademy.org/about/the-duke-of-edinburghsquos-award->

The cost to enrol onto the DofE Bronze programme is £23. This is available to pay via the School Gateway and an enrolment form is included with this letter. Please ensure the fee is paid when you return the enrolment form to avoid any delays with registration. A Welcome Pack will be sent home as soon as the registration has been completed and students can start working towards their award. The deadline for applications is 17 December 2021. The earlier you register, the quicker your child can start their award!

There are some costs for the Expedition section and these will be communicated to you nearer the time – it is anticipated they could be between £25-£40 depending on the campsite fees and any travel expenses.

Participating in the DofE can really help young people stand out from the crowd, enhance mental health and build resilience. That's why at Bexhill Academy we're committed to ensuring that all interested Year 9s can access this fantastic programme regardless of their ability, background or financial circumstances. We do not want anyone disadvantaged by the costs – if there is a financial need, support with funding may be available. Please contact me if you would like to discuss your son/daughter's access to the programme.

We would also like to introduce you to our DofE Operations Manager, Jo Ireland. Currently, she is unable to do 'in person' visits but we hope to be able to invite you into the Academy and hold a parent/carer meeting via Zoom. We will confirm a date and time in due course.

Year 9 students interested in the Bronze Award are welcome to attend a meeting 2.50 – 3.30pm on Wednesday 3 November in G9.

There are a team of staff volunteers as well as myself who are looking forward to working with our students on their Bronze DofE this year and we hope that you will do all you can to support your son/daughter to participate.

Kind regards

Mr A Jarvis

DofE Manager

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DofE Participant Enrolment Form

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

DofE Centre and group details (if you know them):

DofE Centre: Bexhill Academy	DofE group: BRONZE November 2021
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DofE level:

Bronze
Have you registered for any previous levels of the DofE? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>
Email address:	
Date you wish to start your DofE programme if known (enrolment date): / /	

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

Print Name	Signature	Date
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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
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Participant Fee is £23 – payable via School Gateway. Please ensure this is paid when the enrolment form is returned to avoid any delays.

Note:

Data supplied on this form and in eDofE and information about DofE activities recorded in eDofE will be used by the DofE Charity, the Licensed Organisation and DofE centre to monitor and manage DofE participation and progress by young people and manage and support Leaders.

The DofE Charity will use personal data to communicate useful and relevant information to either help participants complete a DofE programme, Leaders/LOs to run DofE programmes more effectively or help the DofE Charity to improve the quality and breadth of its programmes.

We also send emails that contain information about the Charity, DofE negotiated privileged discounts and invites to events and other activities however if you would like to receive these emails you will need to opt in. Once you have opted-in to this you can opt out at any time by visiting www.dofe.org/preferences, or clicking the unsubscribe link that can be found at the bottom of all non-programme related email.

For Licensed Organisation/Centre administration only:

Date registered onto eDofE	/ /
Expected start date	/ /
Participant Fee received	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Username	
User ID number	