

November 2025

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Welcome Information

Thank you for choosing The Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) programme. Your child is embarking on a life-changing adventure – their Bronze DofE. They will have the chance to help others or the environment, get fitter, learn valuable skills and explore the countryside.

The award is split into four sections. **A voluntary placement, a physical activity, learning a new skill and a two day one night expedition.** Two sections must be completed for three months and the other six. It is the participants choice as to which they would like to maintain for six months. Each section must be signed off by an assessor this cannot be a family member. The assessor would usually be the person running the activity such as a sports coach/music tutor.

In order for your child to be prepared for the expedition; training will be provided from November and will be held on a Wednesday afternoon 3.15 – 4.00pm, along with a navigation practice walk. An itinerary of sessions and dates are attached along with a kit list of items that will be needed for the expedition. There will be two meetings to set your child up on eDofE and to make sure they have chosen suitable activities for their sections.

Ideas for each section can be found on the DofE website. [Ideas for Activities - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](https://www.dofe.org). Participants will be supported with their choice of activity for each section by a DofE leader. There are numerous clubs and activities available at HLA to help achieve the three sections.

The cost for completing the full award is **£100**. Payments will be made through our online payment system. It will show under trips in Arbor to enable the instalment function, please ignore the date set, we must enter a date for it to show, the DofE is throughout the academic year. A breakdown of the instalments and payment dates are as follows.

£30 - 1/12/25

£30 - 2/2/26

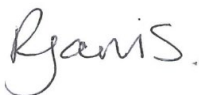
£40 - 31/3/26

If a participant discontinues with the programme following enrolment, you will not have to continue with the instalments, however, payments made up-front, are non-refundable.

All Payments need to be made through Arbor.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me
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Yours sincerely



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