

2nd October 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Following our information evening last week, I just wanted to get in touch with a quick summary and update on the DofE Bronze Award at RGS.

If you missed the information evening on Teams, you can access the recording [here](#). Mr Clatworthy and Kate Aldersley from DofE gave a brilliant introduction and presentation on what you can expect from the DofE Award, and there were some really great questions at the end as well.

DofE Information Sessions

4th and 17th October; 2nd, 15th and 28th November; 14th December

There are further virtual sessions run directly by DofE for parents which are designed to help you understand how best to support a young person through their DofE Award. For further information, please see [here](#).

Places available for 2023/24 enrolment & cost

125 places for Bronze – Enrolment cost £135

If you are still looking to enrol your son, please log on to Parent Pay and select the 'DofE Bronze 23/24 Enrolment Fee'. We are asking for an initial payment of £50 to be paid by **Monday 16th October**, with the balance to be paid by Monday 11th December. Once the first payment has been received, we will then set your son up with an [eDofE profile](#) where they will be able to add the details for their chosen activities. If you are interested, do have a look at the DofE Website and the [Bronze Welcome Pack](#) for further details.

Once your son is enrolled, I will send him an email with a bit of information on how to get started, including this document on [Starting your Bronze Award](#). I would also encourage him to check out the [Bronze Welcome Pack](#) on the DofE website.

Expedition section

Bronze Training, Practice (2 days) & Qualifying Expeditions (2 days) £150-175*

As part of the DofE programme your son is required to undertake a 2 day practice & 2 day assessment. We will send more details once we have finalised enrollment, and in order to help you plan we have provided provisional details below.

Provisional Expedition dates: (based in the Chiltern Hills)

Saturday 9th- Sunday 10th March 2024 Training/Practice Expedition

Tuesday 30th April - Wednesday 1st May 2024 Qualifying Expedition

We would not want any RGS parent to not consider this opportunity due to cost. If you would find this financially difficult, please contact me in strictest confidence, as there may be funding available to assist you.

If you require any more information in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us on dofe@rgshw.com.

Yours sincerely

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