

12th September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

We wrote to you just before the summer break with information about the upcoming launch of the Bronze DofE Award. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an integral part of the RGS journey for many students, beginning with their enrolment in the Bronze Award in Year 9. The School fully supports the Award, recognizing its unique value for developing skills, attributes & character in RGS pupils.

We will be holding an information evening for parents and students on **Tuesday 26th September** at **6.45pm** on [MS Teams](#). There will be a short presentation, followed by a Q&A session. Please confirm your attendance by completing this [form](#).

Places available for 2023/24 enrolment & cost

125 places for Bronze – Enrolment cost £135

Explanation of costs:

- DofE Welcome Pack, eDofE account, certificate and badge (on successful completion)
- Cost of the staff running and administering the DofE award at RGS
- Licence fee to DofE South East Regional Office
- In school training sessions
- Dedicated in school support for the duration of your programme
- Maps and navigational equipment
- Access to group kit and camping equipment (tents, stoves, etc)
- School insurance
- Certificate and badge upon successful completion

In order to enrol, 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 set your son up with an [eDofE profile](#) where he will be able to add the details for his chosen activities. If you would like to know more, do have a look at the DofE Website and the [Bronze Welcome Pack](#) for further details.

Expedition section

As part of his DofE programme your son is required to undertake a 2 day practice and 2 day assessment. We will send more details once we have finalised enrolment. In order to help you plan we have provided provisional details below:

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

Provisional Expedition dates: (based in the Chiltern Hills)

Saturday 9th - Sunday 10th March 2023 Training/Practice Expedition
Tuesday 30th April - Wednesday 1st May 2023 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. We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 26th September**.

Yours sincerely

D Clatworthy
Director of Co-Curricular Education

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