

12 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carers

BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

We wrote to you just before the summer break with information on 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 **Monday 7 October** at **6.30pm** on [Google Meet](#). There will be a short presentation, followed by a Q&A session. Please confirm your attendance by completing this [form](#).

Places available for 2024/25 enrolment & cost

125 places for Bronze – Enrolment cost **£145**

Explanation of costs:

- DofE Welcome Pack, eDofE account
- 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 24/25 Enrolment Fee'. We are asking for an initial payment of £50 to be paid by **Thursday 24 October** with the balance to be paid before the Christmas holidays. 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.

Expedition section

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

Bronze Training, Practice (2 days) & Qualifying Expeditions (2 days) £160-£180*

Provisional	Expedition	dates:	(based	in	the	Chiltern	Hills)
Saturday 15 - Sunday 16	March 2025	Training/Practice					Expedition
Tuesday 1 - Wednesday 2	April 2025	Qualifying Expedition					

Volunteering, Skills & Physical Sections

- Volunteering: Participants commit to helping the community or environment, developing empathy, and learning responsibility
- Skills: In this section, participants focus on developing a personal interest, talent, or ability, such as learning an instrument, cooking, or coding
- Physical: Participants undertake a regular physical activity to improve fitness, stamina, or performance in a chosen sport.

Each section requires a time commitment of 3-6 months, fostering personal growth, teamwork, and perseverance.

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 **Monday 7 October**.

Yours sincerely

D Clatworthy
Director of Co-Curricular Education

DofE Bronze Award - Information Session

Monday, 7 October · 18:30 – 19:30

Time zone: Europe/London

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/mxd-ivgh-ojv>

Or dial: (GB) +44 20 3956 3024 PIN: 973 655 648#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/mxd-ivgh-ojv?pin=7372750610630>