



Dear Parent/Carer

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD**

Building on the amazing dedication, resilience, achievement and success of our students last year, I am pleased to inform you that Bedale High School intends to offer the internationally renowned Duke of Edinburgh's Award to Year 10 students again this year.

Given the positive impact this has on applications for all future pathways and the sense of community and pride gained by participants themselves and our school, we encourage our students to seriously consider taking part in this venture, and our parents to find out all about it.

To read all about this award, please visit the site <https://www.dofe.org>.

The award requires those taking part to complete 4 sections and will take no less than 6 months. The sections are:

- ✓ **Skill** (learning a skill of your choice one hour per week).
- ✓ **Physical** (participating in a physical activity of your choice one hour per week)
- ✓ **Volunteering** (being involved in an activity that benefits others one hour per week).
- ✓ **Expedition** (completing weekend training on school premises, a training 2-day hike and an assessed 2-day hike with overnight camps).

Two of the sections must be completed over a period of **three months** and **one of them over six months**. Students will be assisted in their selection of appropriate activities and monitored by teachers throughout the delivery of the award programme. However completion of these sections will primarily be the responsibility of the students taking part. They will be expected to upload evidence onto their online D of E account for each section and they will be assessed by a member of staff or a suitably qualified assessor.

To complete **the Expedition section**, pupils must attend all the dates below, run by **Alfresco Adventures** as follows:

- Training Day 1: Saturday 6th October 2018 - The Culture Shack, Bedale High School
- Practice Expedition: Weekend of 11th/12th May 2019, Reeth
- Bronze Expedition: Weekend of 13th/14th July, 2019 Reeth

A bus from Bedale High School will take the participants to Reeth in May and July.

To participate in the The Duke of Edinburgh aware, the cost will be approximately £185, dependant on numbers, and will include the cost of registration for the award itself, the expedition and the training needed for it.

Please complete the reply slip below if your child wishes to participate. The first deposit of £35 is due in by the 21<sup>st</sup> September, payable on ParentPay, and the rest by the 1<sup>st</sup> April. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme very occasionally provides £21 for special circumstances of hardship. Please contact me [wilsonc@bedalehighschool.org.uk](mailto:wilsonc@bedalehighschool.org.uk) to discuss further.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Wilson  
Duke of Edinburgh's Award

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Reply Slip – Please hand in to the office

Student Name ..... Form .....

I agree to allow my son/daughter to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award

Signed: ..... Parent/Carer