

Headteacher: Mr D. Whales | Chair of Governors: Mr A. Brown

Dear Parent/Carer,

I'm delighted to let you know that we are about to launch the second year of the **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)** at Ken Stimpson Academy. As the DofE Manager, I wanted to share more information about what's involved and how your child can take part.

Why take part in DofE?

The DofE Award is a fantastic opportunity for your child to discover their potential, build confidence, and develop valuable life skills. It encourages young people to:

- Make new friends
- Explore personal interests and passions
- Learn new skills
- Make a positive impact in the community

Achieving a DofE Award is also a great way to stand out to future employers and colleges. It's a non-competitive programme designed to support every young person, regardless of background or ability, in building resilience and self-belief.

How does it work?

To achieve the Bronze Award, students complete four sections:

1. Volunteering
2. Physical
3. Skills
4. Expedition

Students choose their own activities for the first three sections, and we will provide full guidance and support throughout.

The **Expedition** will take place over **three days and two nights in Rutland**, with comprehensive training delivered by **Premier Expeditions** to ensure students are fully prepared and have a positive experience.

Next Steps

We hope many of our Year 10 students will take up this exciting opportunity. There are **28 places available**, and the **cost is £122 per student**.

If cost is a barrier, please don't hesitate to contact me — we may be able to offer financial support.

To register, please make the £50 payment (extended to the 15th December) on Parent Pay to secure your child's place.

What does the cost cover?

- Bronze DofE registration fee
- Training sessions
- 1-day intensive training with Premier Expeditions
- 2-day qualifying expedition with Premier Expeditions

Additional Costs

Students will need to provide their own kit, which includes:

- Rucksack and liner
- Waterproof roll mat
- Sleeping bag
- Headtorch
- Dry bag
- Survival bag
- Emergency whistle
- Thermal blanket
- Plate and cutlery

A full kit list will be sent once places are confirmed. Students will also need:

- Appropriate clothing (e.g. walking boots, waterproofs)
- Food for the expedition

Expedition Details

- **Dates:** Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th June 2026
- **Location:** Rutland (exact site to be confirmed)
- **Transport:** Students will need to arrange their own travel to and from the site.

Payment Schedule

- Deposit of £50 due by 15th December 2025 to secure a place
- Final balance due by 28th February 2026

Thank you for your continued support. We believe the DofE is a powerful way for your child to grow, challenge themselves, and feel ready for whatever life brings.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs E Tarjanyi - DofE Manager

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