



14th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD 2024/25

We are thoroughly looking forward to getting our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award up and running for the 2024/25 academic year.

The Duke of Edinburgh award is an internationally recognised award that helps students beyond their academic achievements. It helps students develop their commitment, leadership, teamwork and communication skills whilst also being great fun to take part in.

Please read the **handbook** linked below to ensure you and your child are aware of the commitment required for the award before proceeding with any payments.

[DofE Handbook BRONZE.docx](#)

Principle dates:

- Training Day (in school): Thursday 1st May 2025
- Practice Expedition: Friday 2nd – Saturday 3rd May 2025 **Please note students will need to be dropped off and collect from the venue (TBC) in the New Forest by parents.**
- Qualifying expedition: 3rd – 4th July 2025 **Please note students will need to be dropped off and collect from the venue (TBC) in the Purbecks by parents.**

If you are interested in completing your Bronze Award with us, the total cost is £240 per student. This covers the DofE enrolment cost, the training, practice and qualifying expedition with Land and Wave and use of the provided kit.

To secure your space on the DofE Award, please pay a deposit of £40 by **Friday 29th November 2024**.

Once the deposits have been paid, this secures your space and you must pay the remaining balance. Refunds cannot be given.

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The remaining balance is due as follows:

- £50.00 by 1st January 2025
- £75.00 By 1st February 2025
- £75.00 by 1st March 2025

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Payments are made on ParentPay and you can pay these at any time. Some families may wish to pay off the remaining balance all at once, and it is possible to do this. It is also possible to pay smaller amounts more regularly (for example £25 per week), and if you require any support with breaking the amounts down further, please get in contact.

As always, we want to support all families with any financial concerns. If you would like to discuss the support we can put in place to remove any financial barriers, please contact kira.jupe@avonbourneacademy.org.uk

In order to communicate to all participating students and parents about the commitment to the Award and what to expect, we will be holding an online TEAMS meeting from 5–6pm on Tuesday 19th November 2024.

To join please follow the link below:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZWl3NmE2ZWltMzljNC00MDJhLWExMjltZTk1YTEyNmMzN2Ey%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%228027efc9-ed2-4ebb-93f5-7e8198438f21%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%227eaa1070-2fd7-4d8f-bc0e-bdd79fbe1250%22%7d

If you would like more information on the Award and what is required, please visit the following link: [Do DofE - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#)

If you have any questions at all about the D of E Award, then please do not hesitate to email at joanna.ballantyne@avonbourneacademy.org.uk or oli.storey@avonbourneacademy.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

Joanna Ballantyne and Oli Storey
D of E Bronze Leads
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