



17th July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

I am pleased to advise you that the School is a licenced Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award Centre and we are now registering Year 8 students onto the Bronze Level Award, ready to start in September 2024. The DofE Award is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of cultural, practical and adventurous activities designed to support the personal and social development of young people. It offers an individual challenge and encourages young people to undertake exciting, constructive, challenging and enjoyable things in their spare time. The Award is widely recognised across schools and employers.

The Bronze Award has four sections, Volunteer, Physical, Skill and Expedition. Participants can select activities for each of the first 3 sections for which they need to spend on average an hour a week on each, for 3 months, with one of the sections needing to be for 6 months. The training expedition and the qualifying expedition will both take place towards the end of Year 9. The Award and expedition will be delivered by qualified Glossopdale teaching staff who have volunteered their own time and expertise to assist with the DofE programme. More details about the activities can be found here <https://www.dofe.org/do/>. We aim to complete the Award in Year 9 and students will be awarded their certificate and badge at the start of Year 10.

The total cost of the whole Award is £150 per student. This includes registration with DofE, insurance, a contribution to the centre licence, regular support with activities and supervision on the two expeditions. Campsite fees, tents, cooking stoves and shared team kit is also included.

Payment will be requested via ParentPay and can be paid in full or in three instalments over the year. The initial non-refundable deposit of £50 will be due by Tuesday 10th September 2024, with the second payment falling due in November and the final £50 in March 2025. Financial support with the cost may be available, please contact me to discuss this arrangement.

If you would like to enrol your child onto the Award please make the first payment via ParentPay and complete and return the enrolment form. Once I have received both the enrolment form and payment, I will create the eDofE account for your child. The initial £50 is non-refundable and eDofE accounts cannot be re-allocated once created. If your child decides they cannot complete the DofE Award this year, they do have until they are 25 years old to access and complete it, and we can support students with this up until the end of Year 13.

Please visit www.dofe.org for more details about the Award, or email me on lgeary@glossopdale.school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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