



# LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to offer the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme to Year 9 and look forward to our young participants challenging themselves over the next year. We offer a mixed programme of supported opportunities and independent activities to enable each participant the chance to complete their award.

The award is split into four sections: physical, skills, volunteering and expedition. The academy will support your child with each aspect of the course, however there is an emphasis on independence when organising the skill, volunteering and physical sections of the scheme. Each section is to have an assessor (they must not be a family member though) and the participant must choose a length of time and goals to try and achieve. At least one of the sections must be over six months but the others can be just three. Throughout their DofE journey your child will be given clear instructions on what activities can count towards each section. This will be monitored through our regular session 6's.

We are currently partnered with a local expedition company that are supporting our participants of the award in their expedition. The company will be on hand to assess all participants and also support with the supply of group kit (Tents, Stoves, Gas and High -Vis jackets) and maps for the expedition.

The total cost for 2024/25 will be £223. This is split up into £28 registration fee, and £195 for complete expedition programme. 5-day expedition package which includes the following;

- 1 day training and route planning
- 2-day practice expedition, the first day is training ensuring groups have all the appropriate skills and cover the DofE framework.
- 2-day assessment with assessors

Participants will however need to provide their own personal equipment such as rucksack, clothes and food (Due to individual dietary requirements).

We aim to provide the expedition programme on the following dates:

- Training day held at school – Date (TBC)
- Practice expedition – Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd April 2025
- Qualifying expedition – Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th June 2025.

If this is an opportunity you would like your child to take part in, please ensure that the deposit of £55.75 is paid on ParentPay by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. When the deposit is paid, I will issue your child with a form to complete and this must be completed and returned by Friday 22<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in order to cement your child's position on the award. We have split the outstanding balance into 3



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deposits, the second and third instalment of £55.75 will need to be paid by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025, the final instalment of £55.75 must be paid by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025. If you require financial assistance to help contribute to the cost of the award, please speak to myself as we have resources where we can support eligible students.

Our first session will begin on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024. This session will be to introduce the award to participants and get them set-up onto the e-DofE platform that they will use to track their progress.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer any refunds from the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 as it is imperative that we obtain the registration packs to allow the participant to successfully log-on in our first session, therefore please do consider if this is something you wish your child to do and will continue with throughout the year.

If you are interested in your child participating in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme this year, I would like to invite you to a talk where we will be explaining the award scheme and how we will be running the expedition aspect of the award. The talk will be hosted on school site on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 5:30pm. Please come along if you have any questions.

If you want to find out more about the award visit [www.dofe.info/en/content/cms/doing-your-dofe/](http://www.dofe.info/en/content/cms/doing-your-dofe/)



Yours faithfully,

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