

Welcome to your Duke of Edinburgh's Award,

Within this document are just a few handy guidelines to get you started on your DofE journey. Once you are registered onto the electronic system (eDofE), you will receive all the information you need about the award and how to complete the sections.

You should also have received a booklet explaining how to sign yourself onto eDofE once you are registered and how to navigate the online system.

To complete your DofE Bronze award you must complete 4 sections: Volunteering, Skill, Fitness & Expedition.

The **Expedition** is organised and delivered by the school and you will receive the relevant training and information about this in due course. The other 3 sections you arrange and complete yourself.

For the other 3 sections (**Volunteering**, **Skill** & **Fitness**) you have to decide which one you would rather do over a 6 months period, and the other two are done over 3 months.

Please note there is no specific length of session time for you taking part in the activities it just has to last over the required 3 or 6 months and meet the targets you have set.

For example: you might decide for your **Skill** you want to learn to play an instrument for 1 hour a week over a 3 month period with the goal of being able to play a full tune by the end of the section. You would then put this information onto your eDofE, log your progress and at the end of the 3 months get the person you were being taught by to complete an **Assessor Report** and that is it!

We are aware that **Volunteering** opportunities are not always freely available in the town, and it can be even more difficult for those who live out of town and with this in mind, for those who cannot find anything themselves we have created some options for you.

There are a number of after school clubs that would be willing to take on a couple of volunteers for the required period to enable you to meet the requirements. These clubs and opportunities will most likely change throughout the term so please come and see me to find out what is available before you start.

As an example, this could be helping with the Rugby, Football and Archery Clubs or helping LS to clear out weeds in the School gardens etc.

For anyone needing help with learning a **Skill** again there may be opportunities within the School that we can offer you just come and ask me.

So what do we need from you? - Commitment

Employers worldwide recognise the Duke of Edinburgh Award and what having a Bronze/Silver/Gold Award shows these employers is: here is a young person who has fully committed to put in their own time and effort to complete challenges, work as a team, overcome obstacles, develop new learning and keep going until the job is done.

I am here to assist with any questions you may have, help you get on to the electronic system, help you with your section goals etc. You can get me in the Study Bites club Mon to Thu after School until 5:30pm so come along and check in with me and together we will get you your Award.

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