



4th October 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Duke of Edinburgh Award: Bronze Award

We are delighted to be re-launching The Duke of Edinburgh Award at John Ferneley College and will be offering our Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 students the opportunity to take on the Bronze Award this year.

Students are expected to be responsible for their own learning and individual achievement during their DofE journey, with the college providing on-going mentoring and support which will assist them to start, commit, and complete the requirements of the award. Parental / carer support will also be essential with attaining and uploading evidence into their child's 'eDofE' account.

To achieve the Bronze Award, participants must complete four sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical and their Expedition of 2 days and 1 night. The award is non-profit making and the college aims to keep costs to a minimum. An initial non-refundable deposit of **£50** will enable the student to fully enrol (receive their enrolment pack and eDofE log-in) and focus on the first 3 sections of the award: Skills, Volunteering and Physical – with which (on completion) they will be awarded the DofE Certificate of Achievement.

For the expedition section, and to complete the full Bronze Award, we will be working with an external Approved Activity Provider, [First 4 Adventure UK](#), and their expedition costs will need to be met by parents/students. An estimated cost of **£200 - £250** is anticipated for this and will be payable in advance for the provision of group equipment, training and supervision for both the practice and final expeditions. As a college, we will endeavour to reduce these costs by putting together a fund-raising initiative, which we would like the DofE students to get involved with from the offset.

Parents/guardians also need to be aware that there may be additional expenditure for personal kit – e.g sleeping bags, walking boots etc, and potentially travel and campsite expenses.

Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening for parents/guardians and students

Full details of the Award, the enrolment process, and expedition plans will be discussed at our information evening being held on **Thursday 14th October (4.30pm – 5.30pm)**, in the **Auditorium**, which we would like to invite you to attend. In the meantime, if you cannot attend the meeting, but would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at jwoolaston@johnferneley.org. Please do take a look at the DofE website <https://www.dofe.org/> for more information about the scheme.

Yours sincerely,

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