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# Parents and Carers Launch Meeting

## December 2024



### Aims:

- Introduction to the DofE award
- Timescales, requirements and expectations
- How to choose appropriate activities
- What is eDofE?
- Timeline & Next steps

# What is the DofE award?

The DofE (Duke of Edinburgh's) award was started in 1956 by HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Duke wanted to promote a love of the outdoors and give a life-changing experience to young people and an opportunity to discover new interests and talents.

It is an internationally recognised award undertaken by over 400,000 young people in the UK each year.

In 2023, after the passing of HRH Prince Philip, his son, Prince Edward was given the title of Duke of Edinburgh and became patron of the DofE award.



# Why should I get involved?

## Challenge

The DofE award is a fantastic opportunity to challenge yourself, not just physically on the expedition but also with commitment to self improvement.

## Social

You can do activities with people you know or strike out on your own and try something new with a new group of people.

## Flexible

If you already play a sport, musical instrument, volunteer you may already be doing something that can contribute towards your award.





# How do I personalise my award?

There's loads to choose from — most activities can count towards your DofE.

Maybe you want to try something new? Or get better at something you're already doing? Your DofE can be whatever you want it to be.

**Activities fit into 3 categories; physical, skills and volunteering.**

**The fourth section of a bronze award is the expedition.**



# What will be expected of me?

## BRONZE

Volunteering **3** months

Physical **3** months

Skills **3** months

*PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.*

Expedition **2** days **1** night



# How do I choose my activities?

## Volunteering

Volunteering is all about making a difference to others' lives.

You can choose the cause that means most to you.

From **coaching** a local football team to starting a **recycling campaign**, you'll give up your time to change things for the better.

It's extremely rewarding — and it can give you the chance to experience the world of work.

## Physical

The Physical section is a chance for you to focus on your health and fitness — and have fun along the way.

Try something different or concentrate on something you already do. From **Zumba** to **football**, **skateboarding** to **walking** — almost any **dance**, sport or **fitness activity** can count.

You can join a team or do it on your own. It's up to you.





# How do I choose my activities?

## Skills

From **podcasting** to **playing an instrument**, the Skills section lets you learn a new talent, develop existing skills and find something you love doing.

If you're interested in a specific field, this could be the perfect chance to do something related to it. If you're interested in **photography**, for example, you could do that as your skill.

You'll grow in confidence and get a real sense of achievement.

Coming up with ideas for your three sections can be difficult. Talk to your parents, talk with people who have done DofE before or visit [dofe.org/do/ideas/](https://dofe.org/do/ideas/) for more ideas.

If you are struggling or not sure if something will count you can email [doddj@sarchs.com](mailto:doddj@sarchs.com)





# How do I choose my activities?

## Checklist:

- ❑ Ensure that your activity is suitable by completing your **programme planner** on eDofE
- ❑ Make sure you have an **assessor** who has agreed to sign off your activity once you have finished.
- ❑ Complete your chosen activities for at least **1 hour each week**



# eDofE Guide



DofE.org



## Welcome to eDofE

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of activities for anyone aged 14-24. eDofE enables them to record their intended aims, track their progress and upload evidence of their achievements.

Get Started

Your username and temporary password have been emailed to your school email account.

 Support



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edofe.org/participant/setup-bronze

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BRONZE

Welcome

You've made a great decision to start your Bronze DofE and are in for a life-changing adventure.

SETUP YOUR PROFILE NOW

Click here to start setting up your profile

Start your programme in three easy steps.

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## Contact details

**Your address**

Enter your house number / name / postcode to search

\* House name / number is required

\* Street name is required

Address line 2

Address line 3

\* Postcode is required

\* Town is required

\* Country  
United Kingdom

\* Email is required

\* Confirm email is required

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When filling out an online form, anything with a **\*star** next to it must be filled in.

Once you have completed this your welcome pack will be sent to your home address.



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Step 2 of 5

## Account details

### Password

Keep your password safe and don't share it. Choose something memorable.

\* New password

\* Confirm password

☐ 12 Characters ☐ Uppercase ☐ Lowercase ☐ Number

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12 characters long  
Uppercase letter  
Lower Case letter  
Number

e.g. Password1234

Write this down  
somewhere secure

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edofe.org/participant/timescales

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## Choose your timescales

How do you want to spend your time?

Notifications

Offers near me

My Bronze DofE

LifeZone

Resources

Keep safe

DofE Card

DofE Merchandise

Help

Volunteering

Physical

Skills

3 months	3 months	6 months	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
3 months	6 months	3 months	<input type="radio"/>
6 months	3 months	3 months	<input type="radio"/>

SUBMIT



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My Journey | Bronze | eDofE

edofe.org/overview

**BRONZE**

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**Volunteering**  
Not started

Not Started Programme in draft Programme Submitted Programme Approved Section Submitted

**Physical**  
Not started

Not Started Programme in draft Programme Submitted Programme Approved Section Submitted

**Skills**  
Not started

Not Started Programme in draft Programme Submitted Programme Approved Section Submitted

**Expedition**  
Not started

Click on one of the three sections and input your details onto the system.

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\* Start date

01/11/2022



Earliest completion date:

ADD TO MY CALENDAR ▼

\* Type/category of activity

(Please select)



\* Detailed activity chosen

Detailed activity (please select)



\* Where are you going to do it?

Please enter your text here...

\* What are your goals?

Please enter your text here...

\* Assessor's name:

\* Assessor's position:

Assessor's email:

Assessor's telephone no:

\* My Leader is:

Select Leader



MANAGE EVIDENCE

SAVE AS DRAFT

SUBMIT FOR APPROVAL

Once finished you must  
click on “**submit for  
approval**”




# What is an assessor?

## An assessor is:

- ✓ An **adult** over the age of 18
- ✓ A **non-family** member
- ✓ The adult who is responsible for **supervising** the participant completing their physical, skills or volunteering sections
- ✓ The person who fills in the **assessors report** at the end of your section

## An assessor is not:

- ✗ A parent
- ✗ A friend of the participant under 18
- ✗ Someone who has not seen you complete your activity



**DE** | ASSESSOR'S REPORT  
PHYSICAL

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_  
eDofE ID No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Level: **Bronze**

Description of activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Date started: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Completed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_ months)

Goals set by participant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Assessor's comments:**

Please write as much as possible, talking about training, teamwork (if applicable) and achievements. What you write will celebrate the achievement of the young person and form part of their permanent record of their DofE programme. Please note: the information you have provided in this report will be scanned and stored by the DofE as part of its record of the participant's achievement. The DofE will not share your personal data with third parties.

What progress did they make towards their goals?

\_\_\_\_\_

What did they achieve, what skills did they learn?

\_\_\_\_\_

How frequently did they take part in this activity?

\_\_\_\_\_

Any other comments?

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Assessor's first name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's position/qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Participants should scan or photograph this page and upload to eDofE as evidence.

# The Expedition Section

**For many, this is the highlight of their DofE award.**

You and your expedition group will head out on a 2 day practice expedition where you will learn how to navigate, set up camp and work as a team to overcome obstacles.

Then you will be ready for your assessment.

**Bronze Award**

Yorkshire Dales  
2 days, 1 night





# Your Award

## Registration

Pay and be registered for your award by the end of term

## Programme Planner

On eDofE, submit your programme planners for approval

## Expedition training

Training is held in school every Wednesday starting in January

## Assessor's Reports

Once your three sectional activities are complete, upload your assessor's report to eDofE for approval

## Welcome Pack

Log into eDofE and complete your basic details

## Sectional Activities

Over the next 3-6 months, complete your skills, volunteering and physical activities

## Expedition

Attend both the practice and qualifying expeditions

# Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** – First pupil meeting in school

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Practice expedition (local area, meet at SARCHS)

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Qualifying expedition (Yorkshire Dales, meet at SARCHS)



# Next Steps

## Payments

Please arrange payment for the award before the end of term.

## Pupil Meeting

The first pupil meeting will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January in the room 24 at 3.15pm



# Questions



Any Questions:

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