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Bronze (Yr9) and Silver (Yr10) Duke of Edinburgh's Award 2023/24 Applications Open

Dear Families,

I'm delighted to let you know that we are opening the application window for our Bronze (Year 9) and Silver (Year 10) Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE).

<https://tytheringtonschool.co.uk/information/duke-of-edinburgh-award/>

Why do DofE?

Doing DofE is a brilliant way for your young person to discover just how much they are capable of. It gives young people the chance to make new friends, follow their passions, learn new skills and make a difference in our community. Gaining a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too. Please [click here](#) to see the DofE Award Scheme's Information Booklet for Parents/Carers.

It's also non-competitive and a powerful way for every young person to build belief in themselves, whatever their background, interests and abilities.

How it works

There are three levels of DofE Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. To achieve the Bronze and Silver awards, your child will need to complete four sections – Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the Expedition.

Students can choose what they would like to do for the first three sections, completing at least one hour of the activity per week for a set period of time (please see the timescale graphics below). The Expedition involves spending two/three days and one/two nights in the countryside (Bronze/Silver respectively), and again we'll make sure that our young people are fully prepared for it.



For the expedition element, we use an Outdoor Activities Provider that will provide full training and some expedition equipment, such as tents and stoves for cooking meals. This accounts for the majority of the cost of the award and you may wish to look at other options in the local area, such as Scouts, Guides, Cadets, etc.

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All students participating in the award in 2023/24 **must be available for the following dates:**

Expedition Element	Bronze Award	Silver Award
Pre-Expedition Training Day	Monday 8th January 2024	N/A
Practice Expedition	Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th March 2024	Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th March 2024
Qualifying Expedition	Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th July 2024	Friday 5th to Sunday 7th July 2024

Next steps

I am the DofE Manager for Tytherington School (supported by Mr Ackerley for Bronze and Miss Burgess for Silver), so if you think your child might be interested or have any questions, do get in touch - apilbury@tytheringtonschool.co.uk. We hope many of our students will take this opportunity to get involved with the award. Please see <https://tytheringtonschool.co.uk/information/duke-of-edinburgh-award/#Payment> for full details of costs.

Reductions are in place for those students in receipt of the Pupil Premium and/or Free School Meals. If your child is interested in taking part but the cost is prohibitive, please do contact me as we may be able to arrange further financial support - apilbury@tytheringtonschool.co.uk.

I have planned an information Teams "Live Event" for parents and students on Monday 16th October 2023, at 18:30. The Live Event will include a presentation about the structure of the award and please do send any questions to me via email.

[Please click here to access the Teams "Live Event" for parents and students at 18:30 on Monday 16th October 2023](#)

The system for application for the Bronze (Year 9) and Silver (Year 10) Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the 2023/24 academic year is **strictly open until 11:45pm on Tuesday 31st October 2023** - please note that no further applications will be accepted after that time.

Applications are to be submitted online **by the deadline of 11:45pm on Tuesday 31st October 2023**. A complete application consists of:

- Complete the online Duke of Edinburgh's Award 2023/24 Application Form by [clicking here](#).
- Payment of the at least the first instalment via [ParentPay](#).

Please note that both parts of the application must be completed in full for the application to be valid. Any applications made with incomplete details, or the first instalment is not paid by Tuesday 31st October 2023 will not be processed.

[Duke of Edinburgh Award 2023/24 - Terms & Conditions](#) - including full details regarding payment for the award.

Best wishes...



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