



20 September 2017

Dear Pupil/Parents and Guardians,

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an internationally recognised achievement only available to young people which shows their commitment, determination, contribution to society and general all-roundedness. It is favourably looked upon in university and employment applications and it is a chance to develop skills for life and work, fulfill their potential and have a brighter future.

At King's we offer all three levels with enrollment onto the Bronze in Year 9, Silver in Year 10 and Gold in Year 12. The Bronze level award involves four sections:

1. Volunteering - the Volunteering section of your DofE enables you to give your time to help others and change things for the better. This cannot be anything that you get paid for or that someone else could be paid to do.
2. Physical – This section is a chance for you to focus on your health and fitness and have fun along the way. As long as you pick something that requires a sustained level of energy and physical activity, the possibilities are endless.
3. Skill – The Skills section is about discovering what you're really good at. A great opportunity to develop an existing skill or to take up a new hobby!
4. Expeditions – this involves two weekends, one a compulsory practice expedition which must be passed and the other which is assessed by an external Assessor. They both involve two days of walking and one night of camping in Lincolnshire. This involves teamwork, map reading, decision making and a huge amount of fun.

The Award is designed to be accessible to all so no one should feel excluded based on their fitness or any disability they may perceive.

Two of the first three need to be participated in regularly, i.e. one hour per week over a three month period, and the third regularly over six months. Do take a look at the DofE website ([www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)) to get a greater idea about what these activities can involve. For each of these sections you need to be able to find someone who can act as an assessor. This is usually the person that runs the club, a coach, a boss or supervisor. It cannot be a family member but could be a teacher in school that runs an extra-curricular activity you are interested in.

The volunteering, physical and skill sections are completed in the participants own free time and an external company will be providing the Expedition section with the training for this taking place from 9:30 – 4:30pm on 20 January. This training will be provided by qualified instructors and is essential for the health, safety and enjoyment of the participant and their team. This session will also include planning the routes the boys will walk.

The total cost is £165 and applications for the Bronze Award open on Tuesday 3 October. To apply, each participant must:

- Complete a letter of application (see details below)
- Complete and sign the enrolment form
- Include a non-refundable joining fee of £25 (cheque only please, payable to The King's School).

Please place all in an envelope and hand in to Reception. The closing date for applications is Thursday 19 October (last day of Term 1).

A further £140 will be arranged on ParentPay once confirmation of participation is made. This fee is to cover the price of the school license fee, the progress booklet and the training and expedition provided by the external company.

The letter of application should be no more than one side of A4. This is not an assessment of academic ability, so if you have any concerns about this, then please come and see me. The letter should outline why you wish to participate in DofE; what you think you will get out of it; and an indication of what you intend to do for your Skill, Physical Activity and Volunteering and any existing plans for this. Like all letters of application, it is always worth investigating the DofE website to find out more about what the award is about to help inform what you write. Most importantly, we are looking for participants who will be dedicated and committed, who will attend all the meetings and training sessions, and enter into the ethos of the award.

Each successful applicant will receive a welcome pack and access to the D of E platform 'eDofe'. In term 2 participants will receive training on eDofE in lunch times sessions (dates to be confirmed). In addition to this, there will be a meeting after school from 4.00 – 5.00pm in the Old School and all students must attend.

As has been the policy in the past, poor attendance at meetings or poor behaviour may lead to participants not being allowed to continue DofE in the school. Of course this is a situation we try to avoid as much as possible.

Dates for your diary:

Parent and participant information evening NOTE: Date change from published school calendar	Monday 2 October 6.00pm in School Hall
Participant only meeting (once application has been confirmed)	Wednesday 8 November 4.00 - 5.00pm Old School
Training Day	Saturday 20 January 9:30 - 4:30pm
Practice Expedition	10 – 11 March
Assessed Expedition	24 – 25 March

Please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail if you have any questions about the D of E itself or the enrolment process: [Thomas.cawthorn@kings.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Thomas.cawthorn@kings.lincs.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Cawthorn  
Bronze Leader – Year 9

# The King's School, Grantham

## THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD - BRONZE

**Please complete this form and attach the letter of application with £25 cheque.**

PARTICIPANT'S DETAILS - (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) – One Form per Participant.

<b>NAME</b>		<b>FORM</b>
<b>ADDRESS</b>		
		<b><u>Office use:</u></b> Registered on eDofE?
<b>POST CODE</b>		
<b>TELEPHONE No &amp; MOBILE No.</b>		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>DATE TO START DofE</b> October 2017
<b>E-MAIL</b>		

### THE DofE GROUP DETAILS

<b>NAME OF DofE GROUP</b>	The King's School Grantham	
<b>DofE LEADER</b>	Thomas Cawthorn	
<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b>	01476 563180	<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b> Thomas.cawthorn@kings.lincs.sch.uk

### Participant please read:

I understand that in signing up to the award that it requires my full commitment and that the meetings are compulsory. I understand that if I miss meetings without good reason, I could be disallowed from continuing the Award with no refund. I also understand that the Skill, Volunteering and Physical sections must be completed and signed off before I can undertake the expeditions.

PRINT NAME .....

SIGNATURE .....

#### Consent of Legal Parent or Guardian

***I agree to my son participating in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. I am aware that it is a requirement for him to upload certain evidence onto the electronic recording system – eDofE.***

Parent / Guardian: Signature.....

Print Name.....

Date.....

COMPLETION OF THIS DOCUMENT ENSURES THAT EACH YOUNG PERSON IS REGISTERED WITH THE OPERATING AUTHORITY (The King's School, Grantham) AND THE DofE NATIONALLY. IT ALSO ENABLES THE PROGRESS OF INDIVIDUALS TO BE MONITORED. THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH YOUNG PERSON WHO PURCHASES A WELCOME PACK. SOME OF THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY THE DofE NATIONALLY TO PRODUCE ANNUAL STATISTICS. DATA SUPPLIED ON THIS FORM IS RECORDED ON eDofE.