

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Bishop Rawstorne C of E Academy is proud to deliver the Duke of Edinburgh Award to Year 10 and Year 11 students.

At the start of Year 10, our students are offered the opportunity to embark on the Bronze Award. Where they will undertake a personal 12-month programme of activities which are split into four sections:

- Volunteering
- Physical
- Skills
- Expedition

Upon completion, for each of the above sections students must obtain an assessor report. This will then need to be uploaded to eDofE - <https://www.edofe.org>

Throughout this award, students will find themselves helping individuals or the community, improving their personal fitness, developing skills such as problem solving and independence.

The Duke of Edinburgh programme requires determination, commitment and tenacity. The award gives students the opportunity to learn so much about themselves as well as others with whom they work with. As such, our students will develop teamwork skills, improve their self-motivation and leadership skills. This award also supports the opportunity for students to reflect on our Christian values; thankfulness, humility, endurance, service, compassion, trust and friendship.

One of the most anticipated activities for the Duke of Edinburgh Award is the expedition. This combines navigation and camp craft skills. Students must complete a practice expedition and then an assessed expedition, both of which are completed locally within the North West of England. During the expedition students will be self-sufficient. This means that students will need to carry enough food and water for the walk, spare clothing, sleeping bag, tent as well as anything else they feel is necessary.

Whilst on the assessed expedition, students must work towards a pre-defined aim. This aim is chosen by each team and can include, investigating the history of the local area, surrounding environment, team building, physical health, etc. Evidence of the investigation will be presented by each team to the Duke of Edinburgh staff as well as a member of the senior leadership team.

Below is an example of an expedition presentation:

For those students who successfully complete the Bronze Award they are invited to complete the Silver award at the end of Year 10. We recognise that Year 11 is an important year for our students and as such we run the practice expedition at the end of June (Year 10) and the assessed expedition in September of Year 11.

Please see the 2019-20 expedition dates for both Bronze and Silver award below:

Award	Type of Expedition	Date
Silver	Assessed	29 th – 31 st August
Bronze (Group A)	Practice	6 th – 7 th March
Bronze (Group B)	Practice	7 th – 8 th March
Bronze (Group A)	Assessed	7 th – 8 th June
Bronze (Group B)	Assessed	14 th – 15 th June
Silver	Practice	TBC

For further information about the Duke of Edinburgh Award please visit - <https://www.dofe.org> or speak to one of the DofE Leaders at school.