



2nd February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Great Sankey we aim to support our students to live by our values and mission statement and as such we expect them to:

- Take a pride and place in their community through active engagement
- Enjoy school, feeling happy and encouraged to participate in the opportunities offered
- Look after their well-being, by staying active and healthy
- Develop confidence, resilience and aspiration through learning new skills
- Develop independence and wider employment skills for life-long learning

To enhance these values, we offer all Year 9 students the chance to participate in the newly introduced Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (D of E) Certificate. This incorporates three sections of the full DofE Award – Volunteering, skill and physical section. The certificate version of the Award has been introduced to recognise the personal development of young people, despite not being able to do the expedition during these uncertain times.

Students will be required to work towards their goals in their **own time**, unfortunately we cannot offer support during curriculum time as we have done in the past.

For students to participate, students must do the following by **Friday 12th February** -

- Make a **non - refundable payment of £25 via Wisepay**, this covers enrolment onto the award and admin costs. If your child is entitled for pupil premium, please contact their house office if they wish to participate.
- Join the **Bronze 20 -21 Google classroom (code -idlgz1)**
- Complete and return the contract (Upload a photo to Google Classroom - Set as an assignment)

The Google Classroom will be the main form of communication for students participating, to keep up to date please accept the invitation to join the classroom as a parent/guardian.

Students who achieve the Bronze DofE Certificate in year 9 will be given the opportunity to sign up for the Silver Award in year 10. Depending on the pandemic being under control, we are planning to offer the expedition in the summer of year 10. The Silver practice expedition will also count as the Bronze qualifying, enabling your child to achieve the full Bronze DofE Award.

To summarise, if you child signs up for the Bronze DofE Certificate this year, by the end of Year 10 they could achieve:

- Bronze DofE Certificate
- Bronze DofE Award
- Silver D of E Award

If we can offer an expedition in year 10, we are planning to distribute information including costing by the February half term in year 10.

If you would like to know more about the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and how it benefits young people please visit www.dofe.org.

I look forward to watching your child's amazing journey through the D of E award process.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Woodruff

PE Teacher

DofE Award Manager

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DUKE OF EDINBURGH YEAR 9 BRONZE AWARD 2020/2021

Name of Student:

Form:

Please tick and confirm that you have read and understood the following:	Tick
I understand the £25 deposit is non-refundable and payment is due by Friday 12 th February.	
I am happy for photographs and videos of my child to be used in school materials celebrating the success of the Duke of Edinburgh Award on school website and school social media sites e.g. Twitter. (@GreatSankeyDofE)	

Cancellation Policy - If you decide at any point that you wish to remove your child from the Award this must be done via email to dofe@geatsankey.org

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of signatory (person with parental responsibility)

Please be aware that by signing and returning this you are entering into a contract with Great Sankey High School.