



Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Y10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award,

We are pleased to finally give you the opportunity to sign your child up for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award at The Ridgeway School and Sixth Form College.

Your son/daughter should be given an application letter during mentoring this week or they can collect a letter from Mr Kench (room R03). Both parent / carer and students will need to complete the full application form and give it to Mr Kench in R03 by break-time on Friday 12th November. By completing the enrolment form you are committing to your child attending the following evening and weekend activities.

- Active participation in completing eDofE (including eDofE session on Tuesday 23rd November 15:20 – 17:00)
- Preparation sessions (18th Jan, 15th Feb 15.20-16.20)
- Training weekend (26-27th Feb 2022)
- Practice exped route planning (8th Feb, & 9th as a reserve for those that need to finish 15.20-16.20)
- Practice expedition (13-14th March 2022)
- Assessed expedition route planning (16th & 17th March 15.20-16.20)
- Assessed expedition (25-26th March 2022)
- eDofE review (5th April 15.20-16.20)
- Completion of Skill, Volunteering and Physical sections (late May/early June, exact date TBC)

The cost of completing Bronze D of E at Ridgeway is currently £170 which covers all of the above, £23 of this will cover the D of E enrolment fee. As the overall price was based on the number of students attending, we must have a steady income of monthly payments as the school is required to make payments at intervals. If your child is interested in taking part but finances present a problem please contact us as financial support may be available. If you wish to pay more than the monthly amount you may do so but **please ensure** each payment is no less than the minimum amount required on ParentPay. If two payments are missed without contact from yourselves, your son/daughter will be removed from the course.

If you are experiencing problems with your pc, login to ParentPay or would like a barcoded letter please contact the finance office: finance@ridgewayschool.com

If your child chooses to accept their place as a participant at The Ridgeway School, payment will be due as follows:

Non-refundable deposit of £50	19 th November
£60 instalment	31 st December
£60 instalment	31 st January

Please be aware your son/daughter will only be added to the final list of participants if a deposit has been paid by 19th November.

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Yours Faithfully

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PS For those of you new to the DofE scheme, some additional information is given below.

Bronze DofE overview.

It will usually take you at least 6 months to complete your Bronze programme.

- Volunteering section: 3 months
- Physical section: 3 months
- Skills section: 3 months
- Expedition section: 2 days/1 night

You also have to spend an extra three months on one of the Volunteering, Physical or Skills sections. It's your choice which one and, though you can change your mind later, you should decide which section you want to do for longer at the beginning. Knowing how long you're going to do it for will help you to choose your activity and set your goals for each section. Have a look on the DofE website for lots of different ideas, <https://www.dofe.org/do/ideas/>.

Below is a rough outline of the expedition plans:

- Training weekend (26-27th Feb 2022) – Saturday spent in school, DofE Training. Sunday, day hike Savernake woods area.
- Practice expedition (13/14th March 2022) – Sunday, leave from school in the morning to Marlborough area, hike and camp. Monday, hike and return to school late afternoon.
- Assessed expedition (25-26th March 2020) - Friday, leave from school in the morning to Cotswolds, hike and camp. Saturday, hike and return to school late afternoon

A kit list for expeditions can be found on the school website or <https://www.dofe.org/do/expeditionkit/>. The school will provide tents, stoves and fuel. Students can also borrow rucksacks, sleeping bags, roll mats and other equipment if needed.