

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am excited to inform you that Alleyne's Academy will again be offering the Duke of Edinburgh Award for students at Bronze (Year 9), Silver (Year 10) and potentially Gold (Sixth Form) levels. Students will be registered for the award and their expeditions through the academy, and we will organise the expedition element of the award for the students. The dates for the expeditions are below, and unfortunately these cannot be changed – **if you cannot commit to all of these weekends, then unfortunately your child will not be able to complete the award with us.** The locations for the expeditions will be sent out closer to the time, for you to be able to organise drop-off/collection of the students.

As part of the scheme, students will need to take part in 4 or 5 different activities, some of which they need to complete independently.

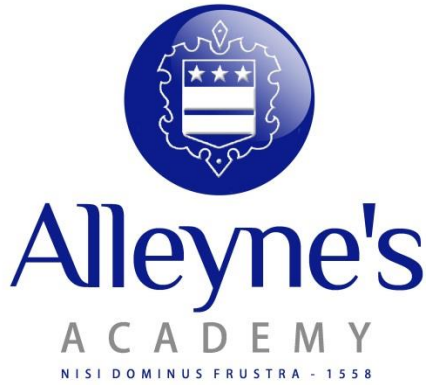
Students need to participate in voluntary work (this must be for a charitable organisation, not a private business), a physical activity and a skill for roughly an hour a week for the timelines as shown below. Gold participants will also need to complete a residential activity.



More information can be found on the many ways in which these sections can be completed at <https://www.dofe.org/do/ideas/>. DofE allows for a wide range of activities for each section, some formally organised with others being able to be completed at home.

To complete and track their award, Students, once registered, will need to log in to their eDofE account and submit their activities for approval (*some activities might not be suitable/appropriate for the section, and activities must be approved for students to be covered through the Award Scheme's Insurance*). Once approved, students can log their activities each week, so for example if they were to work on their fitness each week as their physical, they may upload a screenshot of runkeeper etc. At the end of the section, students will then need to have their assessor complete an assessors' report, and upload this to finish their section.

Some of our current DofE participants have made astonishing contributions to the local community last year, contributing 2054 hours of voluntary service to the community, which is an amazing achievement, and really makes a difference to the local community. The social value of these hours is calculated to be a whopping £10,844.

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Prior to the expedition, we require students to have started each section (with the exception of the residential for Gold), and have finished their 3 month section (in Bronze and Silver). Without meeting these requirements, students may not be allowed to participate in the expedition.

Dates for the expeditions are as follows:

Bronze – 2 day expedition, Sat and Sun:

Sat 3rd – Sun 4th May – Training Weekend

Sat 17th – Sun 18th May – Qualifying Weekend

Silver – 3 day expedition, Fri to Sun:

Fri 16th – Sun 18th May – Practise Weekend (Friday meet @ 9am for training)

Fri 6th – Sun 8th June – Qualifying Weekend (Friday meet @ 9am)

Gold – 5 day expedition:

Training Weekend (2 days, 2 nights – tbc depending on numbers)

Practise Week (4 days, 3 nights – tbc depending on numbers)

Qualifying Week (4 days, 4 nights – tbc depending on numbers)

The cost for registration and for the expeditions are as follows:

Bronze: £210**Silver: £340****Gold: tbc depending on numbers**

Part of the first payment will cover the student's registration with DofE. Payments, other than the registration, are refundable only until such time as the Academy has to make payment to the supplier(s) providing external services. Once such payment has been completed no refunds can be made. Payments should be made through ParentPay, and the students will be registered with this once we have received their consent letter.

The payment schedules are as follows:

Bronze

4/12/24 - £90

1/2/25 - £60

1/3/25 - £60

Silver

4/12/24 - £140

1/2/25 - £100

1/3/25 - £100

Following the success of the equipment hire last year, we are also planning to continue this relationship with a Burton DofE Charity. As such we will be offering the rental of kit for the expedition weekends should this be required. Rough prices for both weekends are as follows:

Rucksack - £8

Waterproof Jacket - £4

Waterproof Trousers - £4

Roll Mat - £4

Sleeping Bag - £6

Gaiters - £4



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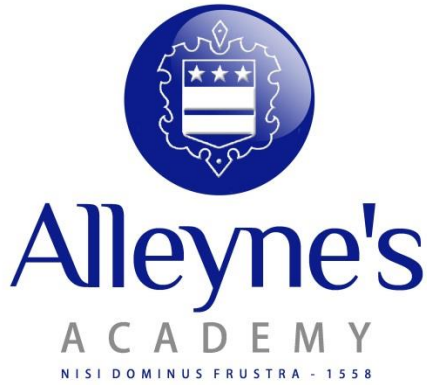
The kit has been of fantastic quality, and we pick this up shortly before the required weekends. Prices for the kit may be subject to change, and I will confirm these closer to the expedition.

If I can be of help in answering any questions, please feel free to email the DofE email account and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely

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Consent Form

I hereby agree to support my child in their participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, and agree that they will have started each section (with the exception of the residential for Gold), and have finished their 3 month section (in Bronze and Silver). Failing to complete this may result in forfeiture of their place on the expedition.

I note that it is my responsibility to check that any activity my child undertakes for their DofE programme is appropriately managed and insured, unless the activity is directly managed or organised by their DofE group, centre or Licensed Organisation. (Once an activity is approved on eDofE, participants are insured through the award scheme).

I agree that my child will be available for the dates listed above, as failure to complete either the training, the practice or the qualifying expedition will result in failure to complete the expedition section of the Award.

I consent to my child's name and date of birth being shared with the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme for registration purposes. To view the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Privacy notice, visit <https://www.dofe.org/privacy-statement/>.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Name of Child: _____

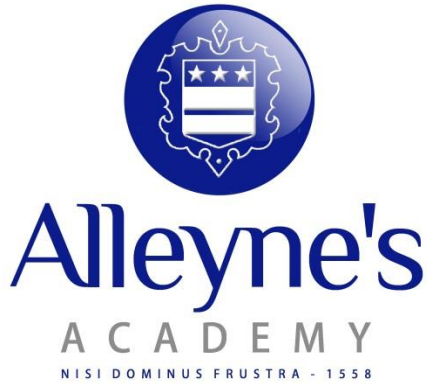
Child's Date of Birth: _____

Level of Award:

Bronze Silver Gold

Signed: _____

Date: _____



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We like to record and celebrate the success of our students within the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Please tick the relevant box and sign below to give consent for photographic images of your child being used. Please also indicate whether you consent to your child's name being associated with their image. Consent can be withdrawn at any time in writing.

Purpose of Photograph	I agree to the use of images	I agree to my child being named
Used in displays in school, on the school website, social media, and in marketing for the school.		

I confirm that I have read and agree to the terms above.

Name (Parent / Carer):.....

Signature:..... **Date:**.....

Name (Student):.....

Signature:..... **Date:**.....

*Please return signed consent forms to the **Main Office** by no later than **11th***

***November, 2024**, after which the trip should appear on ParentPay.*