



HARROGATE  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

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Dear Student and Parent/Carer

### Bronze Duke of Edinburgh – Year 10

I write to inform you about an exciting opportunity for Year 10 students. The Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award is an extra-curricular award scheme aimed at 13-25 year olds. It is designed to develop new skills, improve fitness, provide an opportunity to volunteer and a chance to develop lasting friendships and memories. At HGS we offer the Bronze award to Year 10 students and the Gold award to Year 12 and 13 students.

### How it works

It will usually take between 6 and 12 months to complete the Bronze programme.

The Bronze award is split into 4 sections

- 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.

Activities for each DofE section take a minimum of **one hour a week** over a set period of time, so they can be fitted in around academic study, hobbies and social lives. Development and regular progress must be shown, and all activities must be completed by the participant's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, however we encourage students to finish their Bronze award by the end of Year 10.

### Expedition section

For the expedition section we work in collaboration with a local provider, Lupine Adventure (<https://www.lupineadventure.co.uk/>). With expected high numbers of participants, we plan to split the cohort in half and run expedition events on the following dates:

- **Saturday 20 – Sunday 21 April 2024** – Cohort 1 Practice expedition
- **Saturday 27 – Sunday 28 April 2024** – Cohort 1 Assessed expedition
  
- **Saturday 11 – Sunday 12 May 2024** – Cohort 2 Practice expedition
- **Saturday 18 – Sunday 19 May 2024** – Cohort 2 Assessed expedition

For the practice expedition, each expedition group will be trained and supported by a qualified instructor who delivers the necessary expedition training in preparation for the assessed expedition. Both practice and assessed expeditions are 2 days/1 night. Students will camp in tents at local campsites. Students will need to be dropped off and collected by parents at designated points at the start and end of the expedition – details to follow.

### In school training

To cover all the pre-expedition training and planning there will be 3 after school sessions (details to follow). It is important that participating students attend these training events.

## Costs

Route	Cost	Details
<b>Registration and welcome pack</b>	£25.50	This is non-refundable. Once registered on the award, students will receive a welcome pack through the post. This contains important information about the award including a 'keeping track book' that they use to record their assessor reports.  If students don't complete the award during their time at HGS, their account remains active and they have until their 25 <sup>th</sup> birthday to complete the award.
<b>Expedition</b>	£217	This includes the events mentioned above.  Students that complete all 4 sections will achieve certificates for each section and a badge to recognise their achievement.
<b>Licence fee</b>	£20.50	HGS pays for the licence to deliver the DofE award. This is a contribution to that fee.
<b>Equipment</b>	£7	This is for equipment that is borrowed from HGS. This allows us to purchase/repair necessary equipment that can be lent to students. This includes gas, stoves and tents
<b>Total</b>	<b>£270</b>	

## Next steps

If you would like to participate in the award, please click on link below to complete the Application Form by **6pm on Monday 4 December**. This needs to be completed by students on HGS iPads, as they need to be signed in to their account to access the form.

[Bronze DofE Application Form](#)

Many thanks for taking the time to read this information. If you would like further information about the award please look at the D of E website: <https://www.dofe.org>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely



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