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Dear Parents and Carers

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Thank you to those of you who attended the information evening on the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award and for those who are interested in signing up for DofE. In this letter we outline the next steps and important dates over the coming year.

First payment now due on iPayimpact

We have now opened the first instalment on iPayimpact. The deadline to make the first contribution is October 6th. If you require financial support, for example if your daughter is in receipt of Free School Meals, please email Mr Key directly (if not done so already) so we can apply for the appropriate funding. If Mr Key confirms you are eligible for financial support, please do not pay the full amount of these contributions, we will set up an individual payment plan for you. Please note we cannot accept Childcare Vouchers for payment for DofE with the school. Based on numbers interested, we have calculated the estimated total for Bronze DofE Edinburgh to be £280-£300. The estimates are based on current interest and final costs will depend on the number of students committing to doing the award.

This will be split into 2 payments:

- By 11th October 2026: £160
- December 2026: estimated: £120-140

Please log on to <https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/Account/LogOn> and select 'Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze – 1st instalment'. There is a mandatory form to complete before you can check out, namely:

- I give permission for my daughter to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.
- I confirm that no medical or emergency contact details have changed since the last data collection and will inform the school immediately if this is not the case, and of any changes occurring in the future.
- I understand the full cost for my daughter to participate is estimated to be between £280-300.
- I understand that all contributions are non-refundable.

Please pay the sum of £160 using your debit/credit card. If you encounter any problems in using the e-payment system or have any questions regarding making the payment, please contact the School Finance Office on 01628 625068. Please note that all payments are non-refundable and will only be returned if a trip is cancelled by the school.

Download the DofE App and start your sections!

[DofE app - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#)

Once we have a first payment confirmed, your daughter will be fully signed up for the Bronze DofE. We will then purchase an enrolment from DofE and you should receive a pack in the post, with instructions on all the sections.

We will get all the Bronze students together in the near future to explain the process directly. They can start their volunteering, skills and physical sections at any time (each is 3-6 months long). More information about the sections can be found here: [Do DofE - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#). If they have already started their sections, they can just back date it to when they started in the app (it must be after 1st September 2026, the beginning of the school year). They need to fill in all the information it needs on the app, such as the location of what they are doing etc.

At the end of those 3-6 months, they need to have an assessor who is over 18 and not related to them to fill in a form. They can fill the form in on paper (from the pack which will come in the post), and then they take a picture and upload that to the app. Or, they can email them this link and ask them to kindly fill in a report: [Assessor's Report - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](#)

Training day – Saturday March 6th 2027

Please can students come into school for this, with appropriate wet weather coat and boots (they may be outside practising putting up a tent etc). Please can they bring a packed lunch. This is a day with instructors from BXM who will take them through all they need to know for the summer expeditions, such as map reading and cooking etc.

Practice Expedition – Thursday 27th – Friday 28th May 2027 (Tring area*)

Assessed Expedition – Saturday 10th – Sunday 11th July 2027 (Beaconsfield area*)

*locations need to be 100% confirmed nearer the time.

More information about the expeditions will become available near the time: you will receive details of starting and ending points, as well as the campsites. If you have any questions in the meantime, please email me directly or I am generally available if any of the students have a question at the MFL office in school.

Yours faithfully



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