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Dear Parent/Carer

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Year 9 Bronze Enrolment opportunity for a funded place

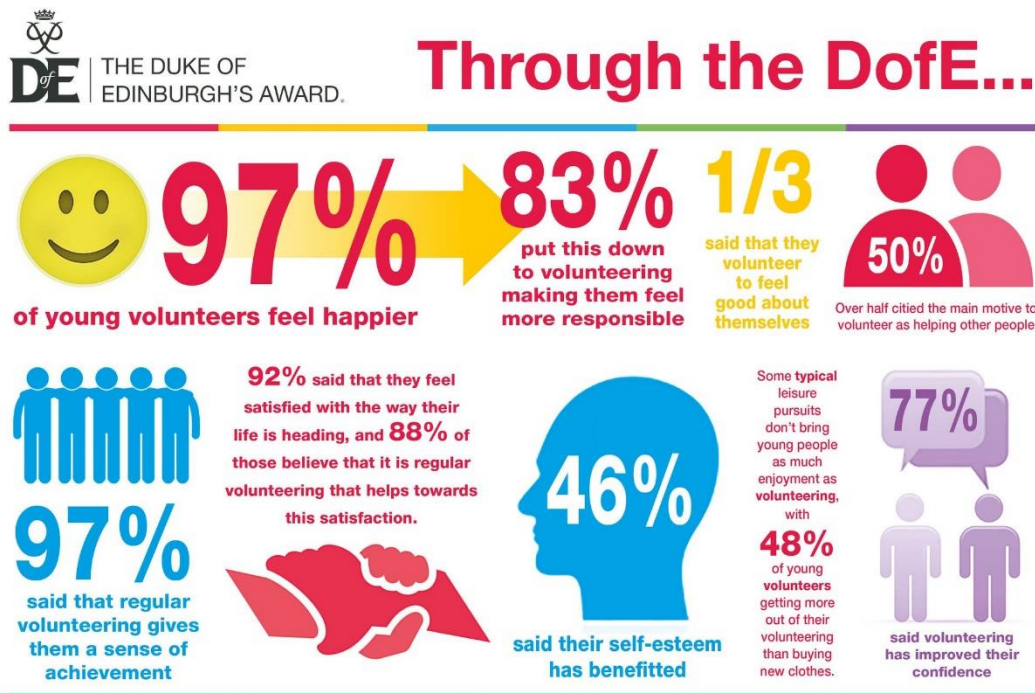
Award Leader: Ms Watson Jones

I am writing to let you know of the exciting opportunity available to your child to achieve the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award through the academy when they enter Year 9. This is a co-curricular activity and is optionally available to all Year 9 students. We are fortunate enough to be able to fund 1 student through their Bronze Award in 2022/2023 and this will be on a 'first come, first served' basis.

### Why do DofE?

Doing their DofE is a brilliant way for your young person to discover just how much they are capable of. It gives young people the chance to make new friends, follow their passions, learn new skills and make a difference in our community. The Award is an adventure from beginning to end, with students enjoying many new experiences, discovering talents that they did not realise they had, challenging their potential, and standing out from the crowd. Many businesses and universities value the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and believe candidates to be more rounded and employable individuals.

The DofE Award is non-competitive and a powerful way for every young person to build belief in themselves, whatever their background, interests and abilities.



The DofE survey sourced the views of over 7000 young people volunteering as part of their Bronze, Silver or Gold DofE programme.  
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## How it Works

The Award involves four sections that students must complete: Physical, Skill, Volunteering and Expedition. The Expedition section of the Award is fully organised by QEGS, using an Approved Activity Provider. Students can choose what they would like to do for the first three sections, and we will provide all the guidance and support they need.

The 'Expedition' section of the Award is usually participants most favoured section and involves two separate weekends (Practice Expedition and an Assessed Expedition) where the students will walk for two days and camp for one night, proving that they can be self-sufficient. Both these weekends will be in the Peak District National Park and/or the surrounding area and will be reliant on parents and carers dropping students off at the start of the expeditions, and picking them up at the end. The expeditions vary depending on groups and campsites available and this information will be given to you and your child nearer the time of the expedition. It is my initial intention that they will complete the Practice expedition in May 2023 and the Assessed Expedition in June 2023.

In addition to this, students will take part in on-line training where they will undertake some basic First Aid, as well as become informed of the equipment, packing and food requirements for their expeditions. This training will be provided by the AAP (Approved Activities Provider) that will be leading the Expedition section of the Award.

## Next Steps

If you would like to find out more about the Duke of Edinburgh program, you can visit our webpage (<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/key-information/dofe/>) or the DofE website (<http://www.dofe.org>). I will also be holding a Parent Information Evening and Q&A during the first few weeks of the academic year. Please keep an eye out in the newsletter and on our Twitter page for information about this in the next academic year.

If you have any queries or questions regarding the Duke of Edinburgh's Award or would be interested in a funded place, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [watson-jones@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:watson-jones@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

Ms Watson Jones

**Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager**

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# What we can offer PP students



## Full funding

A fully funded place that covers the enrolment and expedition cost of the D of E Award

## 50 % funding

We can offer all PP students 50% funding of enrolment and expedition costs

## Equipment Loan

We can loan out 'big ticket' items for the expedition at no further cost.

## Help with purchasing specific clothing

We can fund up to 50% of the cost of D of E specific clothing i.e. walking boots / waterproof trousers etc.

