

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Year 9 Bronze Award Expedition Online and In school Training**

I hope you have all had a restful festive break! I want to take this opportunity to touch base about the Bronze DofE Award and what will be happening over the coming months.

### **Where should your child be up to at the moment?**

Most participants have now logged on to eDofE and set up their program planners, and are well underway with their skills/physical/volunteering sections.

I have emailed a number of students who have not yet done this – I would be very grateful if you could check your child has completed their program planners, and if not, they must come to a drop in session on Thursday lunchtimes in 557.

I understand there is a bit of a delay in receiving the Welcome Packs (I have uploaded an electronic version onto our school webpage to access in the meantime - <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/learning/clubs-and-co-curricular/dofe/> (scroll down to useful links).

### **NEXT STEPS: Online Training**

As the Expedition dates are getting closer it is now time for the Bronze Award students to start their pre-expedition training. The majority of the pre-expedition training is completed via the e-learning link; [www.richadventure.co.uk/qegs2023](http://www.richadventure.co.uk/qegs2023)

The password to enter this is DofE2023. Students must then register an account on the website. Further details on how to do this are available on the BRONZE DOFE TEAMS.

This Rich Adventure Landing page has lots of useful information for both students and parents (including another copy of the kit list, dates of expeditions and eventually there will be locations too).

**This e-learning must be completed by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April AND the consent form must also be completed.**

### **COMING UP SOON: In Person Training Afternoons**

There will be 2 separate afternoons of in person training: **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.**

The meeting place for this will be the canteen at 2.15pm and will be led by myself and Mrs Wright. These sessions are compulsory and should your child not be able to attend there will be very little opportunity available to undertake this training at other times before the Expeditions.

Students will be required to bring in their waterproof coats and trousers, as well as walking boots for checking on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 (and tent if they are using their own).

Students will be bringing equipment home on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May so a lift home for students where possible may be appreciated.

Once the locations have been finalised for the expedition, I will arrange for another Parent Q&A session.

If you have any queries or questions regarding the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Wright by email, [dofestaff@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:dofestaff@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk). Alternatively, you can explore the Award on the official Duke of Edinburgh's Award website <http://www.dofe.org> and our own webpage <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/learning/clubs-and-co-curricular/dofe/>.

Yours faithfully

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