



20th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Bronze Year 9

I'm delighted to let you know that we are about to launch the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). I'm the DofE Manager for Etone and wanted to write to let you know more about what's involved.

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. Achieving a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too. It helps young people to see themselves differently and gain a new level of confidence. We always say that after taking on your DofE, you know that whatever life throws at you, you're ready to deal with it. The DofE is non-competitive and a powerful way for every young person to build belief in themselves, whatever their background, interests and abilities.

How it works

To achieve their Award, your young person will need to complete four sections:

- Skill (learning a new skill, or developing a skill at least once a week)
- Physical (participating in a physical activity at least once a week)
- Volunteering (being involved in an activity that benefits others once a week)
- Expedition (completing training and an assessed two-day hike with an overnight camp)

Young people 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 involves spending two days and one night in the countryside. We provide comprehensive training beforehand to ensure everyone is fully prepared and has the best possible experience.

Next steps

We hope lots of our young people will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. The cost is **£60** per person. An initial payment of £25.50 is due on **Monday 23rd October**, followed by a final payment of £34.50. For pupils entitled to pupil premium the total cost is **£34.50**. If your child is interested in taking part but the cost is prohibitive, please do speak to me as we may be able to arrange financial support.

Payment should be made via your child's Weduc/Matrix Academy Trust (MAT) App, **not in cash**. Please complete and return the reply slip, along with your MAT receipt, to main reception by 23rd October, 2023. Without receipt of the completed consent slip your child will not be allowed to take part. Please also report any changes to your child's medical information held in school.

Please note that all places offered are dependent upon current good behaviour and regular attendance.

Should your child's behaviour or attendance become a concern at any point your child will be removed from the programme and we would not accept liability for any payments made and no refunds will be issued.

Additionally, the signed permission slip from yourself agrees that the school reserves the right to send your child home at your expense if your child jeopardizes their own safety, the safety of others or the good name of the school.



Attached to this letter is a DofE application form. We ask that pupils complete this form and submit returns either by email or to main reception by **Monday 23rd October 2023** for the attention of Miss L Phillips.

Thank you for your support. I hope you'll agree that the DofE is the perfect way for your young person to feel ready for anything. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. The DofE website dofe.org - has a lot of useful information too.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Carlton
DofE Manager

Mr I Smith
Headteacher

- I give permission for my child to take part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award programme.
- I understand my child will be required to attend the necessary expedition training before taking part in expeditions.
- I have paid £25.50 registration fee via my child's Weduc account.
- My child is entitled to pupil premium I have paid £34.50 via my child's Weduc account.
(Delete as appropriate)

Signed:

Date:

Reply slip to be returned to main school reception by **Monday 23rd October 2023**

Note:

Data supplied on this form and in eDofE and information about DofE activities recorded in eDofE will be used by the DofE Charity, the Licensed Organisation and DofE centre to monitor and manage DofE participation and progress by young people and manage and support Leaders.

The DofE Charity will use personal data to communicate useful and relevant information to either help participants complete a DofE programme, Leaders/LOs to run DofE programmes more effectively or help the DofE Charity to improve the quality and breadth of its programmes.

We also send emails that contain information about the Charity, DofE negotiated privileged discounts and invites to events and other activities however if you would like to receive these emails you will need to opt in. Once you have opted-in to this you can opt out at any time by visiting www.dofe.org/preferences, or clicking the unsubscribe link that can be found at the bottom of all non-programme related email.

For Licensed Organisation/Centre administration only:

Date registered onto eDofE	/ /
Expected start date	/ /
Participant Fee received	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Username	
User ID number	



Please print clearly in **CAPITALS** or type your details in.
You must complete all of the questions.

DofE Centre and group details (if you know them):

DofE Centre: Etone College	DofE group: Bronze 23-24
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DofE level:

Bronze
Have you registered for any previous levels of the DofE? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES – please give the name of the DofE Centre you were registered at: eDofE ID number (if known) :

Personal details:

First name:	Last name:
Date of birth: / /	Primary language English <input type="checkbox"/> Welsh <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Email address (school email):	

When you first sign in to eDofE you will be asked to record some personal details such as your contact details, ethnicity and personal circumstances along with details of any medical needs you may have. This data is used to enable your Leaders to support you doing your DofE programme and for the DofE's statistical and reporting purposes. You will always have a 'prefer not to say' option.

Declaration:

I agree to enrol as a participant on a DofE programme. I understand that I will be managing my programme using the online eDofE system. I acknowledge that this system has a set of terms and conditions that I agree to. These terms and conditions are available at www.eDofE.org

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Consent to enrol from parent or guardian (if applicant is under 18 years old).

I agree to my son / daughter / ward doing a DofE programme. I note that it is my responsibility to check that any activity my son / daughter / ward 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.

Print Name	Signature	Date
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