



27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

## BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD 2024/25

We are very excited to announce that we are able to offer additional places for the Bronze DofE award this year.

The Duke of Edinburgh award is an internationally recognised award that helps students beyond their academic achievements. It helps students develop their commitment, leadership, teamwork and communication skills whilst also being great fun to take part in.

Please read the **handbook** linked below to ensure you and your child are aware of the commitment required for the award before proceeding with any payments.

[DofE Handbook BRONZE.docx](#)

### Principle dates:

- Training Day (in school): Thursday 1st May 2025
- Practice Expedition: Friday 2nd – Saturday 3rd May 2025 **Please note students will need to be dropped off and collected from the venue (TBC) in the New Forest by parents.**
- Qualifying expedition: 3rd – 4th July 2025 **Please note students will need to be dropped off and collected from the venue (TBC) in the Purbecks by parents.**

If you are interested in completing your bronze award with us the total cost is £240 per student. This covers the DofE enrolment cost, the training, practice and qualifying expedition with Land and Wave and use of the provided kit.

To secure your place on the DofE Award, please pay £185 by **Friday, 31st January**, and complete the Microsoft form linked below. Unfortunately, if payments are not made by this date, your child will not be able to enrol in the course with us.

Once the deposit has been paid, your place is secured, and the remaining balance must be paid. Please note that refunds cannot be given.

It is essential the Microsoft form is completed with the correct details and the students school email address.

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The remaining balance is due as follows:

- £75.00 by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Payments are made on ParentPay, and you can pay these at any time. Some families may wish to pay off the remaining balance all at once, and it is possible to do this. It is also possible to pay smaller amounts more regularly (for example £25 per week), and if you require any support with breaking the amounts down further, please get in contact.

As always, we want to support all families with any financial concerns. If you would like to discuss the support we can put in place to remove any financial barriers, please contact [kira.jupe@avonbourneacademy.org.uk](mailto:kira.jupe@avonbourneacademy.org.uk)

If you would like more information on the Award and what is required, please visit the following link: [Do DofE - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#)

If you have any questions at all about the D of E Award, then please do not hesitate to email at [jo.ballantyne@avonbourneacademy.org.uk](mailto:jo.ballantyne@avonbourneacademy.org.uk) or [molly.sherwoodtaylor@avonbourneacademy.org.uk](mailto:molly.sherwoodtaylor@avonbourneacademy.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

**Joanna Ballantyne and Molly Sherwood Taylor**  
**D of E Bronze leads**  
**Avonbourne Academies**

**Principal:** Michelle Dyer