



# Sherburn High School



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Dear Parents/Carers

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme – Bronze Award

We are pleased to let you know that we intend to offer the Bronze Award over the course of the next 12 months. The DofE is a great chance for your child to broaden their horizons, discover new interests and talents, have fun with friends, develop essential skills for their future and achieve an internationally renowned Award. As DofE Coordinator, we wanted to send you some information about what a DofE programme involves, the benefits for your child and how they can sign up.

### About the DofE

The DofE is non-competitive and open to all young people – it's about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries. There are three levels of DofE programme which, when successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award. Through their DofE, students will make friends and memories and build traits like confidence, resilience and self-esteem, which can benefit mental health. They'll gain skills and attributes for work and life, like problem-solving, team-working and self-motivation – and they'll achieve an Award that's recognised by top employers and can help them stand out when applying for university or jobs.

To achieve their Bronze Award, participants must complete four sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical and their Expedition. Every young person's DofE programme is personal to them – they can choose what they'd like to do for their Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections, and most activities can count. We will provide guidance and support, and students can either choose to continue an activity they already do or discover something completely new. Activities for each section take a minimum of one hour a week over a set period of time, so they can fit around studying, hobbies and social lives. For more details about programmes and timescales visit [www.DofE.org](http://www.DofE.org).

### Expedition Dates

The Bronze package consists of registration, 2 days training and a 2 day 1-night qualifying expedition.

The dates in the table below are fixed and students should not enrol onto the award if they cannot commit to them. Students will be required to undertake both the Practice and the Qualifying expedition.

18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 9 Bronze Practice expedition Not residential	Near Tadcaster/ On school site
15-16 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year 9 Bronze Qualifying Expedition	Castle Howard area

There will also be an afterschool meeting to form walking groups and discuss the expedition programme once registration has closed. More information will be sent out at a later date with regards to this.

### Signing up

The total cost for registration, administration, training, insurance and provision of transport/personnel for completing both expeditions will be in the region of £300 and to make paying easier and faster, all payments will be collected via ParentPay which can be accessed on the school website or you can visit



[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). The registration fee of £50 is included in the total cost and covers the cost of the welcome pack (registration onto eDofE & student log book), insurance and school's administration fees and is **non-refundable**. The registration fee is payable now. The remaining costs, which have not yet been confirmed, cover tuition, transport by minibus, use of equipment, fuel, appropriate external supervision and external assessment. Once the final cost of the expeditions has been confirmed, this will be payable on ParentPay. The final cost must be paid before **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2025** and student's accounts must be up to date to allow them to participate on the expeditions. Financial support may be available for students eligible for free school meals. For further information on this, please contact us via our email at [dofe@shs.starmat.uk](mailto:dofe@shs.starmat.uk).

The expeditions are supervised remotely using checkpoints and visits and staff camp on the same campsites as the groups. Photographs may be taken for promotional purposes such as the school's website. If you do not want that to happen, then please let us know by adding a comment to the enrolment form.

We will commence the expedition training in March 2024 but students will be enrolled onto the scheme as soon as they sign up and any section activities that they may have already been doing will count from the start of the academic year. It is hoped that many students will see the benefits of the award programme and commit to completing the Bronze Level. If you would like your child to confirm their place on the award please complete the slip below, log onto ParentPay and pay the registration fee of £50. Please also complete the attached DofE enrolment form and medical forms. To speed up registration, you can take a picture or a scan of the completed forms and email them to us at [dofe@shs.starmat.uk](mailto:dofe@shs.starmat.uk). Alternatively, forms can be dropped off at school reception. The closing date for applications is **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024**.

If you have any questions we can be contacted via this email at [dofe@shs.starmat.uk](mailto:dofe@shs.starmat.uk). For further information on the award please visit [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org).

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to helping your child to achieve through their DofE.

Yours sincerely

Miss H Shanks and Ms Jackson  
DofE Coordinators

**Year 9 BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD REGISTRATION SHS**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

I wish my child to register for The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Parent/Carer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer's email (for communication purposes)

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Checklist:

- Enrolment Form enclosed.
- Consent and Medical Fitness Form for Residential Visits enclosed.

**Please return to the Main Office by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024**