

Why do The Award?

The DofE gives you the chance to do something completely new and improve on things you're already doing. It takes you out of your comfort zone and into a place where you'll push yourself and have amazing new experiences. You'll build confidence, resilience, skills for work and friendship groups. And you'll have a brilliant time doing it.



Be the best you can be!

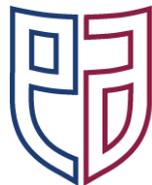


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**The Duke of Edinburgh's
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What is The Duke of Edinburgh's Award?

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is a youth achievement award scheme founded in 1956 by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. The aims are that the participants show persistence, commitment and personal development over a period of time.



The DofE has three levels of award, Bronze, Silver and Gold. They have increasing levels of participation.

What do you do to gain your award?

All levels of the award require four sections to be complete.

The sections are:

Volunteering

Physical

Skills

Expedition

The timescales for the Bronze level are shown below



Credit: DofE.org

Often, the physical and skills sections of the award are something the participants are already doing or something that they have an interest in. Something new does not necessarily need to be started to gain a Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Support

Willowbank will support your young person through their Award. All evidence that can be documented will be uploaded onto the eDofE site.

eDofE is the online system that means you can record your DofE programme and activities, and prove what you've done in loads of different ways including short videos, photographs and text.

Willowbank will support the expedition section of The Award. All necessary training will be provided by qualified staff. Training for expedition includes cooking, route creation and camp craft. At Bronze level participants will have a practice expedition which will be the same duration as the qualifying expedition so that any necessary training can be consolidated.