



WALTON HIGH

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Dear Parent

The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award

Walton High has an extraordinary record of engagement with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and we are all rightfully proud of the remarkable achievements of our students. Students taking part who have the commitment to strive for the end goal, will gain a DofE certificate and Award badge. If students' progress and go on to complete the Gold Award, they will be invited to a Royal Palace to receive their certificate from a member or representative of the Royal Family. During their DofE journey they will gain incredible personal development through experience and have great adventures.

The Bronze Award involves students spending a minimum of one hour each week (per activity), for at least three months of **volunteering**, learning a new **skill** or improving a skill they already have and participating in regular **physical** activity. All these aspects are extra-curricular and must be organised by the student. They can be completed sections in parallel or consecutively and we would encourage students where possible to complete them prior to their GCSE exam year. The Bronze Award needs to be completed before students are invited to undertake a Silver Award.

In addition to the weekly commitments, students will be required to attend an overnight **expedition** in which they will camp, cook and walk a planned route. The students will be in groups of up to seven students and unaccompanied by adults. They will be carrying everything they need and will not have access to outside help or support. Students will not have mobile phones. The expeditions will start at school and finish in the local area, passing through several staffed checkpoints on route. Expeditions will take place on Friday and Saturday between Easter and the summer holiday 2024. Expedition groups and the weekends will be posted in the new year. Training days will be held on the March Advanced Learning Days.

In order to enrol on the Bronze Award students are required to pay a **non-refundable fee of £81**, this amount covers the fee paid to the DofE organisation for registration and the expedition. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium the full cost is covered.

The **closing date for registration is Friday 20 October 2023** (parents will receive a link under separate cover to complete an online registration form). **Payment is due via Wisepay by Monday 30 October 2023.**

There is a **Parents Information Evening on Tuesday 17 October – 5.30pm in the Hall at Brooklands campus.** This is for parents to learn more about the Award and understand how to support your child.

If you have any further questions, please contact dofe@mket.org.uk

Kind regards

Mr F Morgan
DofE Award Manager