

REF: CRA/LNE

September 2021

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our on-going commitment to the personal development of our students, I'm pleased to let you know that Trafalgar School is offering the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) to students in Year 9 and 10. The DofE is the most highly respected and well-known young persons' award in the world and we are really excited to be able to offer the opportunity for our students to complete it alongside their academic studies this year.

About the DofE

The DofE is non-competitive and open to all young people – it's about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries.

Through their DofE experience, students will make friends and memories and build traits like confidence, resilience and self-esteem. They'll gain skills and attributes for work and life, like problem-solving, team-work 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:

Volunteering: undertaking service to individuals or the community;

Physical: improving in an area of sport, dance or a fitness activity;

Skills: developing practical and social skills and personal interests;

Expedition: planning, training for and completion of an adventurous journey in the UK. This will involve a practice expedition weekend and an assessed expedition a couple of weeks later.

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 it in around studying, hobbies and social lives.

Each student will be delegated a DofE leader in school, who will meet with them regularly to plan their sections and encourage and support them to complete them all. The expedition will involve a practice expedition weekend and an assessment weekend.

The cost for each student to complete the award is £65, this is a non-refundable amount. This includes their DofE registration, the two expedition weekends and some of the equipment they will need. We have not included walking boots, rucksacks, food or sleeping bags in our cost as we feel the students would want their own! However, we do have spare items if needed.

If your child would like to take part in the DofE Bronze Award, then please complete the slip below and pay the deposit of £25 on ParentPay by Friday 8th October. A further payment of £40 will be required by 3rd December.

Payment plan -

£25 deposit by Friday 8th October 2021

£20 paid by Friday 5th November 2021

£20 paid by Friday 3rd December 2021

We appreciate that costing may be an issue, but please do not let that stop you from participating in DofE. You can email myself (chenshaw@trafalgarschool.org.uk) or Miss Nerssessionian (lnerssessionian@trafalgarschool.org.uk) .

To follow, Miss Nerssessionian and I will be hosting a Virtual Information Evening on Tuesday 28th September, 5pm-6pm.

Here is the link to join: <https://meet.google.com/mtv-vjfc-ogg> Pin to access: 176 530 069

I am really looking forward to working with your child on their DofE journey. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C. Henshaw

Outdoor Education Coordinator

Please return to Student Reception.

My child wishes to take part in the DofE Bronze Award. I have attached my £25 deposit via

cheque/cash or I have paid via ParentPay.

Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____