

MRO/HWO

9th June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Award; 31st March 2023 – 6th April 2023

I'm pleased to let you know that we are offering the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) to students in Year 10 and your child has registered their interest in taking part. 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 the DofE Co-Ordinator, I 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.

During and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, participants who complete their Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections will also receive a DofE Certificate of Achievement – a formal recognition, by the DofE, of their efforts at this extraordinary time.

Activities for each section take a minimum of one hour a week over a set period of time, so they can fit it around studying, hobbies and social lives. For more details about programmes and timescales, please visit our website - <https://www.maltbyacademy.com/page/?title=Duke+of+Edinburgh&pid=469> or visit DofE.org/do.

About the Expedition

The Expedition section involves your child working as part of a small team to plan their expedition's aim, choose a location and do some training to make sure they're fully prepared – before spending two days and one night in the countryside.

Ahead of this, they will take part in training to cover basic expedition principles, introducing them to expedition equipment and a practice event.

There will also be a number of training sessions after school in which your child and their group will plan their route and prepare. Participants will only be able to do their expedition if they attend the organised training.

eDofE and the DofE app

Participants can create their DofE programme and record their progress using eDofE, the DofE's digital system, available online at eDofE.org and through the DofE app – downloadable for free from Google Play and the App Store.

If your child decides to enrol, we will set up their eDofE account and they will receive details of how to sign in and get started. We will also hold an eDofE launch session on Thursday 23rd June 2022.

Signing up

The cost of taking part in the DofE is £35 per participant. This covers your child's participation place and Welcome Pack, which will be sent to their home address and includes their personalised DofE Discount Card. This price also includes £11 which will go to the cost of maintenance of kit and equipment (tents, rucksacks, walking boots, cooking equipment etc).

If you are happy for your child to take part, please complete and return the enrolment form which is available to download on our website.

<https://www.maltbyacademy.com/page/?title=Duke+of+Edinburgh&pid=469>

Once this has been returned, you will be required to pay £35 via ParentPay. If you have any concerns with the payment, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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

Yours faithfully



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