

26th September 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

I'm delighted to let you know that we are about to launch the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). I'm the DofE Manager for Abbey College and wanted to write to let you know more about what's involved.

Why do DofE?

Completing the DofE is a brilliant way for your young person to discover their capabilities. It gives young people the chance to make new friends, follow their passions, learn new skills and make a difference in our community. Achieving a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too. In addition, it helps young people to see themselves differently and gain a new level of confidence. We always say that after taking on your DofE, you know that whatever life throws at you, you're ready to deal with it.

The DofE is non-competitive and a powerful way for every young person to build belief in themselves, whatever their background, interests and abilities.

How it works

There are three levels of DofE Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. To achieve their Award, your young person will need to complete four sections:

– Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the Expedition.

Young people can choose what they would like to do for the first three sections, and we will provide all the guidance and support they need. The Expedition involves spending two days and one night in the countryside. We provide comprehensive training beforehand to ensure everyone is fully prepared and has the best possible experience.

There will also be an after-school club where we will provide training in the use of eDofE, the expedition and to support your young person along the DofE pathway.

Next steps

We hope lots of our young people will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. The cost is **£30.00** per person to enrol. Further costs will apply as your young person approaches their expedition and, whilst we provide some of the essential expedition kit, young people will need to source some of this kit themselves. We don't want the cost to be prohibitive, so funding options can be explored later.

If your son/daughter is interested, the completed enrolment form by following this link
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KbjZ4RaYVEydnK3i2OOqbq2fLW9L7o1LtG5YbFmel1ZUNkVYTE1aT1FPT0dWVDFWTjNZOFNWRk02NiQlQCN0PWcu>

Payment is required by 30th October 2023. Payments can be made online at
www.parentpay.com.

Click on the 'login' button and enter your existing username and password or, alternatively in school using the finance office student drop box.

All cash/cheques must be in a sealed envelope with your child's name and D of E Enrolment written on the front.

Cheques should be made payable to '**Abbey College Ramsey**'. If you wish to be re-advised of your ParentPay details, please contact office@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me. The DofE website dofe.org - has a lot of useful information too.

Thank you for your support. I hope you'll agree that the DofE is the perfect way for your young person to feel ready for anything.

Yours faithfully,

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