



Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls

11th September 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

We are delighted to be offering the **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme** to our Year 9 students.

There are four sections that make up the Award: Voluntary, Skill, Physical and Expedition. All sections can be completed at school through extra-curricular clubs, or you can find some ideas for activities on the Duke of Edinburgh Award website: <https://www.dofe.org/do/>. Two of the Voluntary, Physical and Skills sections need to be continued for 3 months and one of the three for 6 months, you decide which. Information can also be found on the school website (curriculum and enrichment) where you will find useful links and relevant documents.

The full cost of the Bronze DofE Award is £205. This includes the registration fee, in school training and the qualifying expedition. This will also include the use of a tent and a cooking Trangia with fuel and travel to and from the qualifying expedition in June. The training and expedition is delivered by Karos Adventure (our licensed DofE Approved Activity Provider). In order to secure a place on the trip, payment and/or consent will be online via the Scopay app or website. Please make sure the consent box is ticked. If your child receives free school meals (FSM) or you are applying for financial assistance, please also go online, tick the online consent box and in the comments box, explain that your daughter is in receipt of FSM or that you are applying for financial assistance and a finance assistance form will be emailed to you.

The costings do not include a rucksack, walking boots or sleeping bag. Every participant will have access to a discount card for a number of outdoor suppliers through their online edofe account.

Payment and Enrolment Form Deadlines

Non-refundable £30 registration fee to be paid online (+ enrolment form completed and handed in to their form tutor): **Friday 27/9/24.**

Further Payment Deadlines

£60 First expedition payment	Friday 29/11/24
£60 Interim expedition payment	Friday 10/01/25
£55 Final expedition payment	Friday 07/02/25

Key DofE Dates

The two 3 months sections need to be signed off by the end of spring term: **Friday 21/03/25**

The 6-month section must be signed off by the end of May: **Saturday 31/05/25**

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Medical consent form:	Wednesday 29/01/25
Parents <u>Online</u> Meeting re: DofE Expedition:	Thursday 27th February 6pm-7pm online
In-school training: Navigation, campcraft, first aid, Kit & nutrition	Wednesday 4th June & Thursday 5th June School site/Sutton Park/Shenstone Start 8am – 5pm (no overnight stay)
Bronze Qualifying Expedition: (Beaumanor Hall, Leicestershire)	Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd June 2025 Return travel via coach from school.
Bronze DofE Presentation Evening:	16th July 2025 – 6pm start

The preferred method of payment is via our online system scopay.

Karos Adventure will require parents to complete an online participant medical consent form for a walking expedition: www.karosadventure.com/parents-area

Additional information can also be found on the school website under Curriculum and Enrichment – Duke of Edinburgh’s Award: www.suttcold.bham.sch.uk/dukeofedinburgh

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to me on ktu@suttcold.bham.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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