



## BRANSTON COMMUNITY ACADEMY



18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Silver Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award.**

I'm delighted to let you know that we are about to recruit students, who already hold the Bronze Award onto their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). I'm the DofE Manager for the academy and wanted to write to let you know more about what's involved.

#### **Why do DofE?**

Doing their DofE is a brilliant way for your young person to discover just how much they are capable of. 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. And 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. The Silver Award is about progression from your Bronze Award. So you will participate in your sections for longer and they should be more challenging than those that you participated in at Bronze. 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.

#### **Next steps**

We hope that as many of our young people will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. The cost is £28 per person to register for the award. To complete the expedition we anticipate that will have an additional cost of around £100. If your child is interested in taking part but the cost is prohibitive, please do speak to me as we may be able to signpost you to financial support for the expedition section of the award. This cost does not include personal kit and equipment, although we do have some equipment group which can be lent out.

The expedition section at Branston Community Academy will involve weekly afterschool training sessions on a Tuesday 3.50-4.50; a day navigation training; a one day, one night training weekend; a two day, two night practise expedition; and a three day, two night qualifying expedition.

Your child has been given a presentation in a meeting at lunch on the 19<sup>th</sup> December telling them about the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award. If you have any question, please feel free to contact me. The DofE website [dofe.org](http://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.

To enrol your child onto their Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award, please complete the enrolment form on the link below, once you have done this, we will set up a payment link via Parent Pay for £28. There is no rush, your child can enrol onto the award when they have completed their Bronze Award.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetKKjMoVvkQPmwzYCzFLt4KDjvd80JHOzYsqsa9SyK2Y9lw/viewform>

**More information**

You could also watch the following video in addition to looking at the DofE website or contact me with specific questions.

[Silver | start your DofE](#)

Yours faithfully,



Mr Kerrigan  
DofE Coordinator and Manager BCA  
[DofE@branstonca.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:DofE@branstonca.lincs.sch.uk)