

## **Invitation to Consider the Duke of Edinburgh Award for Year 12 Students**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. As the academic year develops, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) programme, which we are excited to offer to our Year 12 students. The DofE scheme is a highly regarded initiative that provides young people with the opportunity to develop essential skills, gain valuable experience, and enhance their personal development through a structured yet flexible framework.

Participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award offers numerous benefits that extend beyond the immediate rewards of completing the programme. Students will engage in a variety of activities designed to inspire personal growth, creativity, teamwork, and leadership. The programme encompasses four key sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills, and the Adventurous Journey. Each component of the award is aimed at nurturing a sense of responsibility and commitment to personal development, as students learn to set and achieve their own goals. The volunteering section allows students to give back to their communities, fostering empathy and enhancing their understanding of social responsibility. The physical and skills sections encourage students to pursue their interests and develop new talents, all while promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Moreover, the Adventurous Journey, a hallmark of the DofE experience, serves as a vital component where students will plan and undertake an expedition in an outdoor setting. This aspect not only cultivates survival skills and resilience but also encourages teamwork and problem-solving. The challenges faced during these expeditions will help students build confidence and self-reliance, traits that are invaluable in their academic and personal lives.

The cost of joining the Duke of Edinburgh Award at our school is £35, which covers registration fees, materials, and some necessary equipment for the Adventurous Journey. There is an additional cost to complete the Adventurous Journey which will be asked for later. This cost will be between £50 and £100 depending on numbers and where the expedition takes place. Participants will also need to have some equipment such as walking boots, waterproofs and a sleeping bag.

We are committed to ensuring that financial constraints do not restrict participation, and therefore we encourage any parent or guardian facing difficulties to reach out to

our administration for potential support options. We believe in inclusivity and would like all interested students to have the opportunity to take part in this remarkable programme.

To register your child for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, please complete the application form attached and make payment using **Parent Pay of £35.00**. **The deadline for applications is Friday 31 January 2025.**

In conclusion, we believe that the Duke of Edinburgh Award will be a profoundly rewarding experience for our Year 12 students. It is an opportunity for them to embark on a journey of self-discovery, acquire valuable skills, and create lasting memories. We encourage you to consider this opportunity and to support your child in embarking on this exciting journey.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [adrian.nash@stroodacademy.org](mailto:adrian.nash@stroodacademy.org).

Yours sincerely,

Mr A. Nash  
Duke of Edinburgh Manager  
Strood Academy



## DofE Participant Enrolment Form

Please print clearly in **CAPITALS** or type your details in. You must complete all of the questions.

### DofE Centre and group details (if you know them):

DofE Centre:      Strood Academy      DofE group: Silver 25
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### DofE level:

Silver <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you registered for any previous levels of the DofE? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

If YES – please give the name of the DofE Centre you were registered at:

eDofE ID number (if known) :

### Personal details:

First name:                  Last name:
Date of birth:                  /                  /                  Primary language English <input type="checkbox"/> Welsh <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Email address:
Date you wish to start your DofE programme if known (enrolment date):                  /                  /

When you first sign in to eDofE you will be asked to record some personal details such as your contact details, ethnicity and personal circumstances along with details of any medical needs you may have. This data is used to enable your Leaders to support you doing your DofE programme and for the DofE's statistical and reporting purposes. You will always have a 'prefer not to say' option.

### Declaration:

I agree to enrol as a participant on a DofE programme. I understand that I will be managing my programme using the online eDofE system. I acknowledge that this system has a set of terms and conditions that I agree to. These terms and conditions are available at [www.eDofE.org](http://www.eDofE.org)

Print Name	Signature Date
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**Consent to enrol from parent or guardian (if applicant is under 18 years old).**

I agree to my son / daughter / ward doing a DofE programme. I note that it is my responsibility to check that any activity my son / daughter / ward undertakes for their DofE programme is appropriately managed and insured, unless the activity is directly managed or organised by their DofE group, centre or Licensed Organisation.

Print Name	Signature	Date
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**Note:**

Data supplied on this form and in eDofE and information about DofE activities recorded in eDofE will be used by the DofE Charity, the Licensed Organisation and DofE centre to monitor and manage DofE participation and progress by young people and manage and support Leaders.

The DofE Charity will use personal data to communicate useful and relevant information to either help participants complete a DofE programme, Leaders/LOs to run DofE programmes more effectively or help the DofE Charity to improve the quality and breadth of its programmes.

We also send emails that contain information about the Charity, DofE negotiated privileged discounts and invites to events and other activities however if you would like to receive these emails you will need to opt in. Once you have opted-in to this you can opt out at any time by visiting [www.dofe.org/preferences](http://www.dofe.org/preferences), or clicking the unsubscribe link that can be found at the bottom of all non-programme related email.

**For Licensed Organisation/Centre administration only:**

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Date registered onto eDofE	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Expected start date	
Participant Fee received	
Username	
User ID number	

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