



King Arthur's School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Duke Of Edinburgh Bronze Award: 2026 – 2027

Meeting - 29th September 5pm

We are delighted to offer your child the opportunity to work towards their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award as an Aspire Opportunity at King Arthur's School this coming school year. As you will be aware The Duke of Edinburgh Award is the world's leading achievement award for young people and is highly regarded by employers, universities and colleges. Your child will work towards the award on an entirely extra-curricular basis and, therefore, gaining the award requires considerable commitment and determination from them, which we hope you will encourage and support. They will be guided through the award scheme and given training by enthusiastic, experienced and qualified staff and volunteers.

The award comprises of three elements: Skill, Volunteering, Physical. They will complete these themselves but will be monitored by parents and the DofE team at King Arthur's. There are also two outdoor expeditions that will be led by KA staff during which students work as part of a team. They are required to arrange and organise their own activities for improving a skill, volunteering their time and improving on a physical activity and need to commit 3 months for two of the activities and 6 months for the remaining one (around an hour per week on each activity). As a school we will provide advice and guidance throughout these activities keeping them on track to complete.

Further details on participant activities and the award in general can be found at <http://www.dofe.org/>. Students will be given advice and guidance on completing and recording details of their activities during school-based training sessions and we will be in touch regarding a programme of these. Students are required to record details of their activities (and present evidence of their participation in them) on a secure web-based record system called eDofE, which I will introduce to them as part of their in-school training. This training will take place during their PE lessons as part of their curriculum rotation, and as a fortnightly afterschool club.

The Expedition element of the award, by its nature, requires participants to have extensive training allowing them to plan and complete a self-sufficient expedition over two days with an overnight camp towards the end of their award. Training for the expedition and award will take place after school and at weekends and further information regarding the training sessions will be sent and confirmed shortly. The award also comprises an essential practice expedition in the Summer of 2025 and a qualifying expedition following this (both 2 day/1 night expedition). The practise will take place in the local area, with the final taking place in Cheddar. Dates will be confirmed with you closer to the time.

If you would like your child to be part of this opportunity, please complete the form using the following link [Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award 2026 2027 – Fill out form](#) and we will set your child up on WisePay. All information from our parents meeting on the 29th September will be available via recording if you were unable to attend.

Inevitably with an award like this, there is a cost associated with it, which is currently a total of £120 per participant. This covers the cost of registration for the award, equipment hire for the expeditions, campsite hire and consumables such as stove fuel etc and transport costs.

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We require the initial payment of £40 (to cover registration costs) no later than **Friday 20th October** via WisePay. The remaining instalments will need to be paid by

- 16th November 2026: £40
- 11th January 2027: £40

Please note that participation in the Award will incur a cost, even if the participant later decides not to continue with their award programme. If your child is entitled to free-school meals or you have circumstances which mean you are unable to fund your child completing the Award, the school can apply for funding to support you, but you will need to pay the initial registration fee of £40.

To successfully complete the award, students will need to attend the after-school training sessions regularly and ensure that all deadlines are met throughout the programme. It should be noted that failure to do so may prevent them from completing the award.

Please confirm your child's commitment in joining the Award via the forms link and then we will set them up on WisePay to enable you to make the first payment **by 20th October 2026**

If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on Sanchia.jessup@kingarthurs.org.uk

Yours faithfully,



Miss Sanchia Jessup
Lead for DofE at King Arthur's School

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