

1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Dear students & parents

We are delighted to offer the opportunity for our students to complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award through Ashby School. The Duke of Edinburgh Award offers young people the chance to strive for achievement, overcome obstacles, and set their minds to a personal challenge and you can read more about it on their website, [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)

We will be offering students in Year 9 the opportunity to complete their Bronze Award. The award is comprised of a number of sections as listed below. These sections are expected to be found and completed outside of school and so the award does require students to make a significant and independent commitment to these areas. More information about these sections can also be found on the DofE website.

	Bronze
Volunteering	3 months
Physical	3 months
Skills	3 months

Students are also required to complete a training and qualifying expedition element for this award which involves 2 days / 1 night for Bronze at Ashby School for the training expedition and 2 days / night in the Peak District for the qualifying expedition. To deliver the expeditions, we have partnered with Premier Expeditions who will be supported by school staff on these events. More details about their organisation can be found at [www.premierexpeditions.co.uk](http://www.premierexpeditions.co.uk).

Running Duke of Edinburgh is an option for schools and as such is not funded by school. We will serve as the students' DofE authorising body and work with students to register the evidence for these sections. Whilst final costs depend on the number of students involved, provisional costs for the Bronze award are around £245. This excludes transport for the expedition element included as we seek parental support with this. There is support for Pupil Premium students who wish to engage with the DofE awards.

We are running an information session for students and parents on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 5:30pm** in our theatre if you are interested in this award and would like to find out more. You do not need to register for this event, you are able to just turn up to our Nottingham Road entrance. Resources from the session and details on how to sign up to the Bronze award will be made available after this event via our fortnightly LiFE At Ashby newsletter so please look out for this on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Kind regards

DofE team