

28th August 2026

Dear Students & Parents

We are delighted to offer the opportunity for our Year 9 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. You can read more about it on their website, <https://www.dofe.org/>

If you are interested in the Bronze award and would like to find out more, please come along to our **Bronze Award Information Session** held in conjunction with Premier Expeditions for students and parents on **Wednesday 9th September at 5:30pm** in our Lecture Theatre. 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 17th September.

Bronze Award Details

The Bronze award is comprised of 3 sections as listed below, one of which needs to be carried out for 6 months and the other two for 3 months/13 weeks:

- Volunteering
- Physical
- Skills

It is expected that these sections are found and completed outside of school meaning that 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.

In addition to the 3 sections listed above, students are required to complete a training and qualifying expedition element which involves the following:

- Training Expedition: 2 days / 1 night at Ashby School Saturday 5th – Sunday 6th June 2027
- Qualifying Expedition: 2 days / 1 night in the Peak District – Saturday 26th-Sunday 27th June 2027

These expeditions are delivered in partnership with Premier Expeditions, a licensed Approved Activity Provider, and supported by Ashby School staff. More information about Premier Expeditions can be found at www.premierexpeditions.co.uk.

Running the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an optional enrichment programme and as such is not funded by the school. Ashby School serves as the students' DofE authorising body, supporting them in registering, managing and evidencing their progress.

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Whilst final costs depend on participant numbers, the provisional cost for the Bronze Award is around £245. This does not include transport to and from the expedition locations and we ask for parental support with this. Financial assistance is available for Pupil Premium students.

Kind regards

DofE team