



September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (D of E) 2023-24 enrolment letter

I am really pleased that your child has expressed an interest in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and would like to offer them a place.

The total cost for taking part in the award in 2023-24 is **£256**. This includes the enrolment fee paid directly to the Duke of Edinburgh charity and expedition costs covering camping fees, use of tents, maps, stoves, fuel, staffing and assessors. The amount of training that we are able to offer at Bronze level means that students are fully prepared should they wish to go on to Silver or Gold as they move up the school.

Other costs to consider are food, personal kit & parents providing transport to meeting/pick up points, which are not included in that total.

Important dates:

Activity	Date	Location and time
Training weekend Two days navigation training with overnight camp	Friday 19 to Saturday 20 April 2024	Mendips Drop off and pick up times to be confirmed
Route planning day	Saturday 27 April 2024	Backwell School
Assessed expedition Two days walking with overnight camp	Friday 24 to Saturday 25 May 2024 (note the very start of May half term)	Mendips Drop off and pick up times to be confirmed

All students are required to complete a training weekend and assessed expedition. Both involve two days of walking, carrying full kit and an overnight camp. Students will complete the expedition in mixed gender groups of seven. Groups will be organised in the next few months.

There has been much more interest than anticipated. If all students that have indicated that they would like to take part enrol, it may not be possible for all students to do their expedition in Year 9 (we may need to carry some groups over to Year 10). Priority for an expedition in Year 9 will be given to those students who have fully competed at **least two** of their three other sections by the end of February 2024.

To secure your child's place on the award scheme, a payment of £50 (non-refundable) must be made **by Saturday 30 September 2023**.

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Payment should be made via 'ParentPay', our online cashless payment system. If you have any queries regarding Parent Pay or if your child is in receipt of free school meals and/or is Pupil Premium, financial assistance is available, please contact the Finance Team at finance@backwellschool.net or via their direct line 01275 465941. Should you have any queries regarding ParentPay again please contact the Finance Team

The remaining payments towards the balance of **£206** are set out as follows:

Payment	Amount	Date
Payment 1	£25	Monday 30 October 2023
Payment 2	£25	Thursday 30 November 2023
Payment 3	£25	Friday 29 December 2023
Payment 4	£25	Wednesday 31 January 2024
Payment 5	£25	Thursday 29 February 2024
Payment 6	£25	Friday 29 March 2024
Payment 7	£25	Tuesday 30 April 2024
Payment 8	£31	Friday 31 May 2024

Please could you also complete the online enrolment form which can be found here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=T_CfXMny-E--kLKiwUOtJ0KhwqnN_XNMnkz4rHELunxUMFpZS0YxS0I3VU42TFVKWk9HVjFWNFQ0SS4u

Once the deposit and form has been received, your child will be enrolled in D of E and will receive training on how to use the e D of E system to record activities.

There are four sections to the Bronze D of E award, the expedition is just one of them. Students have already had a think about what they may want to do for these sections. They will need to identify an assessor for each of their activities. This must be an adult and **cannot** be a relative. A coach or leader of the activity they are doing would be most obvious choice. For anything that they are doing at home e.g cooking or photography etc they could ask their tutor. There are lots of ideas for activities on the D of E website www.dofe.org

[There will be an online parent meeting on Monday 9 October 2023 via Microsoft TEAMS. Invites will be sent out via your child's account.](#)

Please note that only students that expressed an interest will be set up on Parent Pay. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at lgriffiths1@backwellschool.net

Kind regards

Mrs Griffiths
D of E Manager