



July 2025

Dear Year 8 Parents/Carers

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh – expression of interest.

Your child has recently been shown a recorded assembly introducing them to the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

A FROG assignment has been set asking them to fill in an expression of interest form and to start thinking about what activities they might undertake for their skills, physical and volunteering sections. If students are particularly keen, there is nothing to stop them starting these sections over the summer – we will be able to back date once they enrol.

There is no commitment needed at this stage however the cost of participating will be calculated based on the numbers interested so please only sign up if serious. The link to the expression of interest form is [here](#)

In September an enrolment letter will be sent out with further details including information about a non-refundable deposit to secure their place and purchase an e D of E log in which is the system used to monitor all their activities. Once students are enrolled in September 2025 a parent TEAMS meeting will be scheduled to share more information.

We anticipate that there will be high demand so envisage needing to split the students into two waves for the expedition section. Please could I ask you to keep all the following dates free for the time being. Students will be assigned a wave once expedition groups have been chosen. Please note that any students looking to take part in Ten Tors will likely need to participate in Wave 2.

Wave 1:

Practice - **Friday 24 to Saturday 25 April 2026 (Mendips)**

Route setting - **Sunday 10 May (at school)**

Assessed - **Friday 22 to Saturday 23 May (Mendips)**

Wave 2:

Practice- **Friday 10 to Saturday 11 July (Mendips)**

Route setting **Saturday 18 July (at school)**

Assessed - **Friday 18 to Saturday 19 September (Mendips)**

All expedition training and assessment will be delivered by Wild Country Consultants. We have been working with this company for over five years and continue to be impressed with the high quality of their instructors and safety protocols.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email on lgriffith1@backwellschool.net or ask students to speak to myself or Miss Morris (Maths) for more information.

Kind regards

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