



October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh enrolment letter 2025/26

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 2025-26 is **£286**. 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 & 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 and/or Gold as they move up the school.

Other costs to consider are food, personal kit and parents/carers providing transport to meeting/pick up points, which are not included in that total. Due to the large number of students wishing to take part we will be doing the expedition section in two waves. Please keep **ALL** of the dates free for the moment.

Dates: - WAVE 1

Activity	Date	Location and time
Training weekend Two days navigation training with overnight camp	Friday 24 to Saturday 25 April 2026	Mendips Drop off and pick up times to be confirmed
Route planning day	Sunday 10 May 2026	Backwell School
Assessed expedition Two days walking with overnight camp	Friday 22 to Saturday 23 May 2026	Mendips Drop off and pick up times to be confirmed

WAVE 2

Activity	Date	Location and time
Training weekend Two days navigation training with overnight camp	Friday 10 to Saturday 11 July 2026	Mendips Drop off and pick up times to be confirmed
Route planning day	Saturday 18 July 2026	Backwell School
Assessed expedition Two days walking with overnight camp	Friday 18 to Saturday 19 September 2026	Mendips Drop off and pick up times to be confirmed

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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.

We will prioritise students who have completed at **least two** of their other sections (skills, physical or volunteering) by the end of February in Wave 1. Students taking part in Ten Tors may have a clash, as our dates were confirmed before the date of the event and training were released, so are likely to need to do their expedition in Wave 2.

To secure your child's place on the award scheme, a payment of £50 (non-refundable) must be made **by Friday, 24 October 2025**. Payment should be made via 'ParentPay' our online cashless payment system. 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 Should you have any queries regarding ParentPay again please contact the Finance Team.

The remaining payments towards the balance of **£236** are set out as follows:

Amount	Date
Payment 1 £24	Monday 3 November 2025
Payment 2 £24	Monday 1 December 2025
Payment 3 £24	Monday 5 January 2026
Payment 4 £24	Monday 2 February 2026
Payment 6 £24	Monday 2 March 2026
Payment 7 £24	Monday 6 April 2026
Payment 8 £24	Monday 4 May 2026
Payment 9 £24	Monday 1 June 2026
Payment 10 £20	Monday 6 July 2026

Please could you also complete the online enrolment form which can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/sAve6ceuz>

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 10 November 2025** via Microsoft TEAMS. Invites will be sent out via your child's account. Please note that only students that have expressed an interest will be set up on Parent Pay at the moment.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like your child to join the scheme if they didn't express an interest please feel free to contact me at lgriffiths1@backwellschool.net

Kind regards

Mrs Griffiths
D of E Manager