

September 2023

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Launch Evening

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am very excited to be able to inform you of the launch date for our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (DofE). The aim of the Launch Event is to inform both you as parents and students of the requirements and commitment involved in taking up the DofE award and also highlight the huge number of benefits completing the award can bring. The DofE award has been voted by a huge number of organisations and businesses as the most valued activity undertaken by young people. It provides young people with a unique opportunity to develop a huge range of invaluable skills unmatched by many other qualifications.

To attain the award students are expected to complete three sections;

- Volunteering,
- Skills,
- Physical

For a minimum of 1 hour a week for 3 to 12 months (longer for Gold and Silver direct), as well as completing an assessed expedition. Students can find the completion of the sections listed above challenging, so it is important they understand the commitment that they are undertaking before applying. The challenge of completing the award, and the independence and organisation students have to show is a huge reason why the award is valued by many organisations and businesses across the UK and the wider world.

In order to ensure that both you and your child are completely informed, you are invited to attend a launch evening at the school, along with your child, on

Thursday 5th October, in the SDCC Main Hall.

BRONZE - 5-5.30pm

SILVER - 5:45-6:15pm

GOLD - 6:30-7pm (parent/guardian attendance is not compulsory but recommended)

During the meeting, we will outline the application process, the commitment required from students and provide more details about the award itself. The presentation should take no longer than 30 minutes. Further details can be found on the DofE website www.dofe.org, although all the relevant information will be provided at the launch event.

We ask if possible that you complete the attached google form:

<https://forms.gle/Z7rT8QcPYG3F7ScV9>

Yours Sincerely,

Fiona Haley
DofE Manager