



LYMM HIGH SCHOOL



Parent Information  
Evening 2018

## We will cover tonight...

- About DofE at LHS
- Expedition dates & kit
- eDofE
- Where to find more info
- How to support your child





## What is Duke of Edinburgh?

- An award scheme that recognises the achievements of young people aged 14-24, completing a specified series of activities that not only benefit the young person but also their community.

**Bronze Year 9**

Silver Year 10

**Gold Year 12**

# Your DofE Award will open doors for you.....

Did you know that over a quarter of UK companies look for a **DofE Award** in applications when they recruit, above other recognition programmes?

*(CIPD Learning to Work survey 2015)*

Demonstrating your **volunteering experience** is also important to do when applying for your first job. In the same survey,

- 67% of UK companies surveyed believed candidates with voluntary experience have more employability skills to offer than those who don't;
- 82% said volunteering develops **team working** skills
- **time management** and **prioritisation, problem-solving, adaptability, leadership** talent were also identified as key competencies young people with volunteering experience bring to the workplace.





# DofE Skills for Work

DofE is calling for more employers to recognise and value the skills and attributes DofE Award holders like you bring to the workplace.

Many leading companies have already signed up to say that DofE Award holders have the skills for their business.

You can view the full list and read what they have to say at

[www.DofEskills.org](http://www.DofEskills.org)





THE DUKE OF  
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

# BRONZE

Volunteering **3** months

Physical **3** months

Skills **3** months

Expedition **2** days **1** night



*PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.*

# SILVER

**Volunteering 6 months**

**Physical**

one section for  
6 months, the

**Skills**

other for 3 months

*Direct entrants  
must do a  
further 6 months  
in the Volunteering,  
or the longer of the  
Physical or Skills  
sections.*

**Expedition 3 days 2 nights**



# GOLD

Volunteering **12** months

Physical

one section for  
12 months, the  
other for 6 months

Skills

*Plus an extra 6 months in the Volunteering, or longer of the Skills or Physical sections, if you haven't got Silver.*

Expedition **4** days **3** nights



Residential **5** days **4** nights



# Choosing activities

There is a massive choice of activities to choose from.

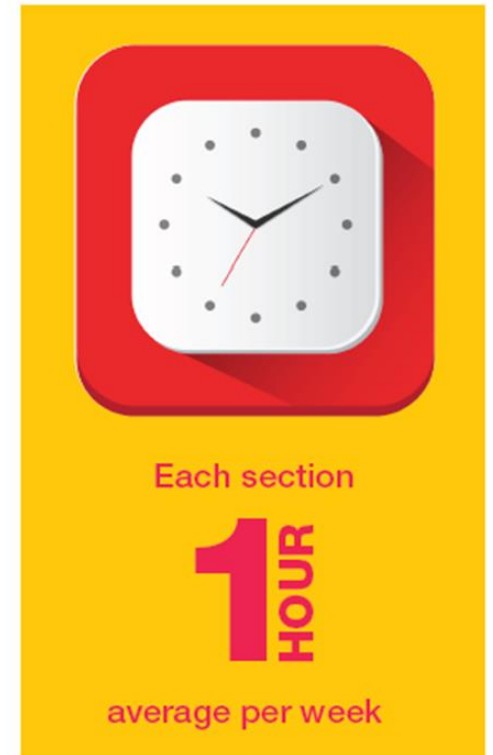
You can select practically any activity you want

Activities are placed in specific sections.  
Choose activities you will enjoy.

Activities can be something that you are already doing or something you've always wanted to try.

Check on the school DofE noticeboard (Hall/Canteen corridor) that your choices can count.

Also use the helpful lists and category finder on [www.DofE.org/sections](http://www.DofE.org/sections).



**Each section allows you to develop a vast range of skills that employers are now looking for**

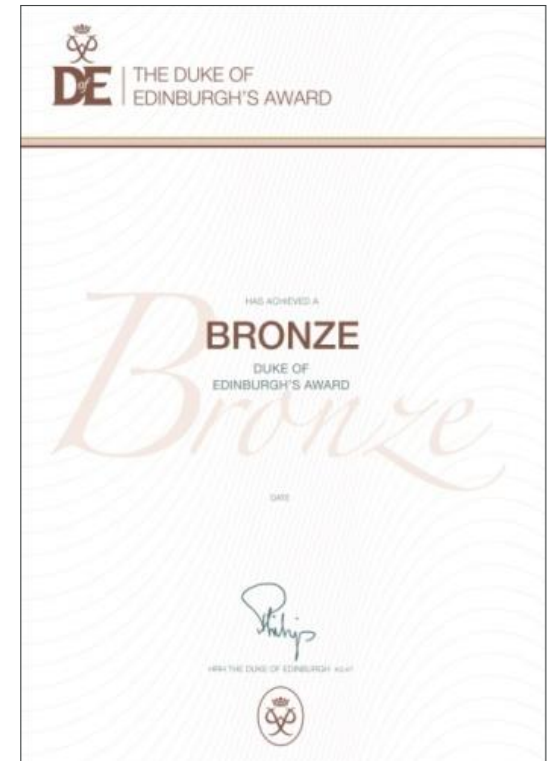
**Volunteering:** Make a difference to other people's lives

**Physical:** Feel healthier, get fit!

**Skill:** Develop a personal interest or work on a talent

**Expedition:** Plan for and take part in an adventure

## From a Welcome Pack.....



.....to a Welcome to the Palace

## Celebrate!

- You'll get a badge and certificate.
- Don't forget to create your *Achievement Pack!*
- At Gold you can attend a ceremony at a Royal Palace.





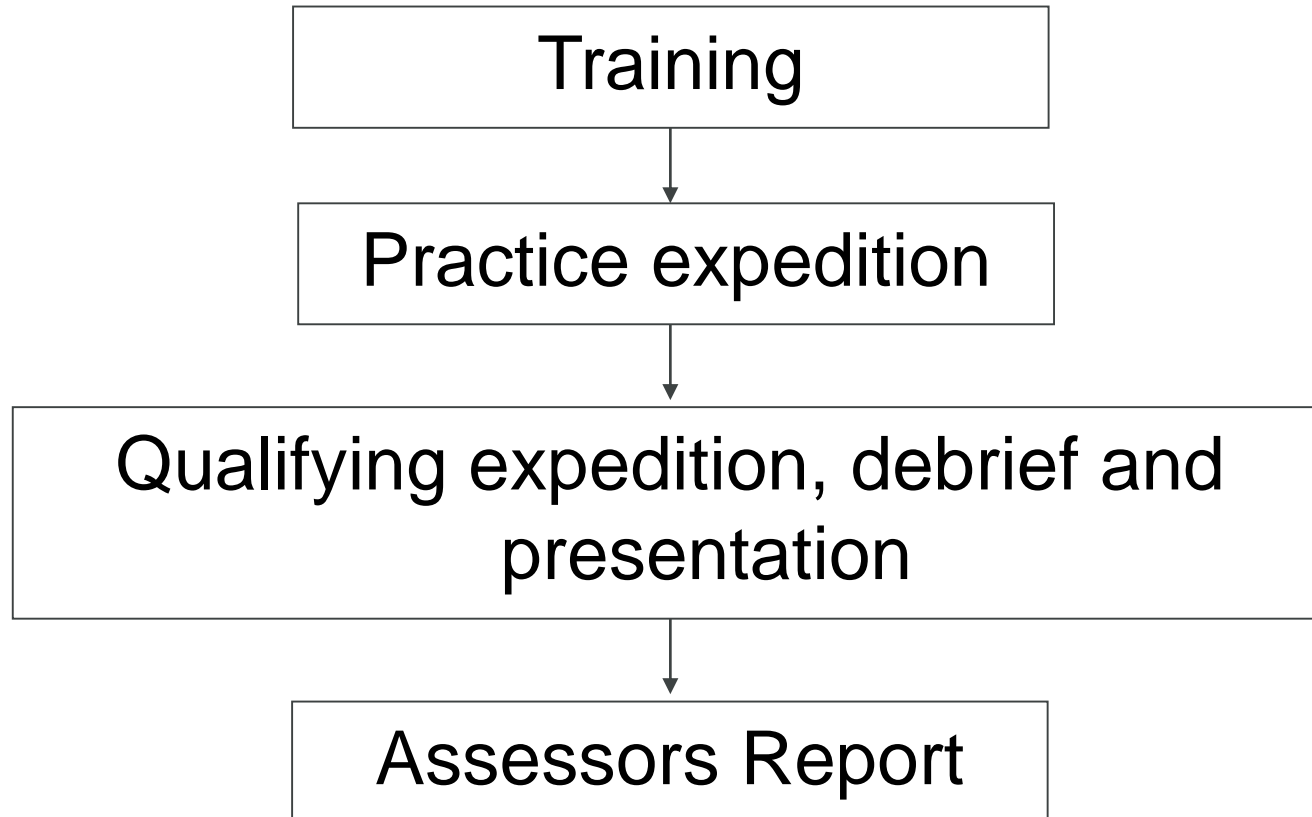
**GET OUTSIDE**  
THE CLASSROOM





- One of the most memorable aspects of the award.
- Delivered by GOtC, an Approved Activity Provider.

# The expedition process



<b>Level</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Minimum hours of planned activity each day</b>
<b>Bronze</b>	2 days and 1 night	At least 6 hours during the daytime (at least 3 of which must be spent journeying)
<b>Silver</b>	3 days and 2 nights	At least 7 hours during the daytime (at least 3½ of which must be spent journeying)
<b>Gold</b>	4 days and 3 nights	At least 8 hours during the daytime (at least 4 of which must be spent journeying)

# Top Tips

- Please read the Handbook
- Equipment - Borrowing v Buying
- It's all down to the participant
- Check weather forecast
- Put everything into a washing basket 2 nights before - Then pack the night before
- Plan food carefully – make it nice and avoid waste
- Check ahead to where to where you are going and plan the journey
- Phones – your emergency backup only

## BRONZE – Year 9

Event/Expedition	Date	Venue	Transportation
Bronze Training Day	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	Lymm HS	n/a
Bronze Training Expedition	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> May – Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Cheshire	Parents
Bronze Qualifying Expedition	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun – Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jun 2019	Cheshire	Parents

## SILVER – Year 10

Event/Expedition	Date	Venue	Transportation
Silver Training Day	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	Lymm HS	n/a
Silver Training Expedition	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Peak District	Parents
Silver Qualifying Expedition	Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> – Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Llangollen	Parents

## GOLD – Year 12

Event/Expedition	Date	Venue	Transportation
Gold Training Day	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	Lymm HS	n/a
Gold Training Expedition	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Peak District	Parents
Gold Qualifying Expedition	Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Snowdonia	Parents



## Extra info...

- Supporting DofE
- Cost and payment schedule
- Where to get help:
  - eDofE – Mrs S Hill (DofE Admin Officer)
  - Anything else – James Hellmers (GOTC)

[james@getoutsidetheclassroom.co.uk](mailto:james@getoutsidetheclassroom.co.uk)

(please note James is on his honeymoon at the moment, so until the end of October please contact Mrs Hill on [shill@lymmhigh.org.uk](mailto:shill@lymmhigh.org.uk) )

## Communication and feedback

- **DofE noticeboard** – any deadlines or expedition information is posted
- **Website** – all documents, expedition dates, FAQ
- **Texts** – for important reminders, approach of expedition or payment dates
- **Formal letters** - where reply slips are required or more information

As a parent we encourage you to...

- **Keep a record of your child's eDofE login info**
- **Log on regularly** to check they are up-to-date with logging aims and evidence
- **Check their aims** and Assessor report meet the criteria
- **Encourage them to persevere** if it gets tough!
- **Help them take the first steps** to arranging activities themselves
- **Have a hot bath and a MacDonalds** ready post-expedition!

# Any questions?