



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Update for 2022-23 cohorts

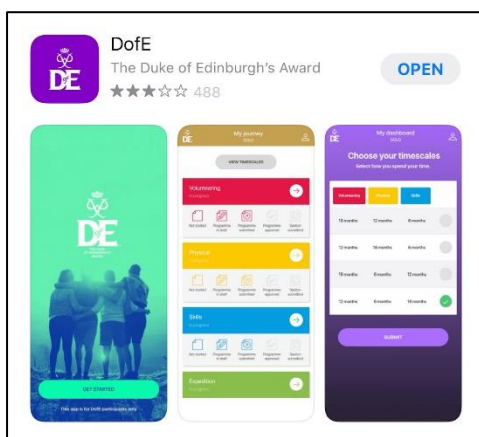
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Thanks for signing up for one of the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards this year. We have now purchased all students' DofE places who have paid the deposit and returned the permission slip, though if you paid late, this might still be being processed by school and/or DofE. We are experiencing an extremely high volume of communications about DofE Awards at the moment, so please could we ask you to check the FAQs before contacting school. If it doesn't answer your question, please don't hesitate to get in touch. All queries regarding Parent Pay for the expeditions should be directed to Mrs M Hayes mhayes@lymmhigh.org.uk and all queries regarding eDofE (see later details) to Mrs S Hill shill@lymmhigh.org.uk

Registration

Thanks for your patience during the registration process. It's always a bit fiddly and we've been chasing up students who had handed in permission slips but not paid and vice versa. We've got just over 130 students participating on Bronze in Year 9 this year, around 40 on Silver in Year 10 and 19 on Gold in Year 12. It's fantastic to see so many students participating and I'm sure they will get a great deal out of it by making the commitment. By virtue of the fact that you've received this message via School Gateway, we can confirm your child is one of these students.

Next week in registration, students will be given their username and will be supported by form tutors to create their eDofE account. eDofE is their online account during their DofE Award/s where they set their aims, choose their assessors for each section (Physical, Skills and Volunteering) and ultimately upload their evidence (assessor reports) when they've finished. Before Monday, please ensure your child has downloaded the DofE app available on the App/Play store – it's free and they will need this to be able to log-in next week.



Once they've completed basic registration with their form tutor and clicked submit, the eDofE system will generate a 'DofE pack' which will be sent directly to your home address. It might sound obvious, but every year we have students who aren't 100% sure of their address especially postcode (mainly Year 9s!) so please could you ensure your child knows theirs or the pack won't arrive. They also have to input a parent's contact number and email address, so again please ensure they know these.

If students have any problems setting up their eDofE accounts, they should ask their form tutor in the first

instance, and after that Mrs Hill in the School Shop, our DofE Administrator.

Training Days/Walk

The compulsory training days will take place on the following dates:

Monday 30th January – Gold (Year 12) training day @ LHS

Tuesday 31st January – Silver (Year 10) training day @ LHS

Wednesday 1st February – Bronze (Year 9 surnames A–L) training day @ LHS

Thursday 2nd February – Bronze (Year 9 surnames M–Z) training day @ LHS

Friday 3rd February – Gold (Year 12) training walk @ Loggerheads Country Park

Please note that the Bronze and Silver training days have switched from the original dates in the sign-up letters due to instructor availability.

These will all take place in school except the Gold training walk on Friday 3rd February. As you will know, Wednesday is an INSET day so all other students will not be in school. The canteen will not be open as a result so Year 9 Bronze students will need to bring their own packed lunch and drink, please. We will be sending you a letter about the training days specifically in the next few days, so please look out for that. Just a reminder that parents are required to drop-off and pick-up from all expeditions and training walks and many parents find that car sharing can be helpful with this.

Please [click here](#) for the FAQ document about DofE which you may also find useful. More information can be found on the website under [Enrichment/Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#).