



WOODBROOK VALE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award 2024

It gives me great pleasure to invite your son/daughter to commence their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award programme. The total cost of the award this year is **£190.30**. This cost covers the initial deposit, training, equipment and camping fees. An initial (non-refundable) deposit of **£25.50** should be made to secure your son/daughter's place and cover registration fees by **Friday 27 October 2023**. Payments are to be made using the school ParentPay system and can be paid in full. The final balance must be paid by **Friday 15 December 2023**. Financial support with the cost may be available, please contact the school if you would like to discuss this further.

Please complete the google form (link below) and pay the deposit of £25.50 by **Friday 27 October 2023** to accept your child's place.

<https://forms.gle/3XV6npNoAfNs4x8C8>

As I am sure you know by now there are four sections to the Bronze Award: **Volunteering** – undertaking service to individuals or the community. **Physical** – improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness. **Skill** – developing practical and social skills and personal interests. **Expeditions** – training for, planning and completing an adventurous journey. Participants are required to commit one hour per week for at least six months to achieve the award. The time spent completing each section must be in the students' own time, e.g. evenings, weekends and holidays and they will be expected to organise their own activities for each of the sections. To complete the expedition section of the award, students will be required to undergo expedition training, practice walks and route planning. Expedition training will begin after Christmas and will either run as after school sessions, or as one condensed training weekend. Details of the additional expedition activities after Christmas will be published in due course once we have received deposits and enrolled students.

Please note that failure to begin completing the volunteering, physical and skills sections, as well as failure to attend the training and route planning sessions will result in your child being unable to complete their expedition.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, via telephone or email at dmatthews@wbvs.co.uk Further information about the Duke of Edinburgh Awards can also be found at www.dofe.org.

Yours faithfully

Mr David Matthews

