



# Trinity Academy Duke of Edinburgh Award Group 2022/23

General information on the Award can be found on [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)

## Introduction to the Award.

The Award is open to all pupils in S3 to S6. It has encouraged and rewarded the efforts of young people for many years and is now increasingly being used to “recognize the wider achievements” of participants by the Curriculum for Excellence. It is a well established scheme, nationally and internationally, which recognizes the efforts of young people in up to 5 areas or “sections” depending on the level of award undertaken. Completing any of the sections or awards at Bronze, Silver or Gold level is an excellent way for young people to gain recognition for activities undertaken voluntarily. **Activities are completed in a young person’s free time before, after or sometimes within the school day (eg: a lunchtime club).** (The exception to this is for the expedition section which sometimes takes place within school time or over a combination of school days and a weekend depending on the length of expedition attempted.)

Following enrolment young people have until the age of 25 to finish an Award although most finish much sooner than that. It is possible, with good planning, to finish Bronze, Silver and Gold before the end of S6.

## Enrollment, administration and costs of the Award.

Cost for participants to register for the Award for 2021/22 are **£24\* for Bronze or Silver and £31\* for Gold.** This enrolment fee covers the cost of a Participant Welcome Pack and an online eDofE account for Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards as appropriate, discount cards and insurance.

The Volunteering, Skills, Physical and Residential (Gold only) Sections:

Participants are expected to familiarize themselves with the Award conditions and to arrange their own activities for each section. They should refer to [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org) for guidance. After doing their own research they can then seek advice from school staff who assist with the Award. Participants are responsible for choosing activities that interest them to qualify for each section using guidance from the website and staff. **Participants should not start an activity that they want to use for a section until it has been approved by the Trinity D of E Coordinator as the rules for what is acceptable for an Award section are not always straight forward.** This can all be done online through eDofE using the messaging system. Without research, participants run the risk of devoting time to an activity that will not count towards an Award.

Costs to take part in any of Volunteering, Skills, or Physical (and Residential at Gold)

sections depend on the choices made by participants and their families. Participants take part in a wide range of activities in the community and these may or may not have their own charges depending on activity, venue, organization etc. Additionally, there are a limited number of clubs and activities provided free of charge within school.

The Expedition Section:

This section requires participants to plan, train for and complete an unaccompanied, self-reliant expedition of either 2, 3 or 4 days and associated nights with an agreed aim. They must complete the expedition by travelling for a specific number of hours during each day (depending on the level of Award) and it must be completed using the participant's own physical efforts.

*The expedition programme on offer through Trinity is currently under review* - As we endeavour to build a more equitable and affordable service, it is important to note that participants may need to organise their expeditions externally.

If we cannot offer a participant a place in an expedition group there are other options:

1. The City of Edinburgh's D of E Unit along with a charitable organization "Friends of the Award" (FOTA) supports a number of "Open Award" groups across the city and these groups organize their own training and expeditions for their members. Please contact Fraser Robertson, D of E Manager for CEC, on 551 4370.
2. Participants can also use a commercially operated Approved Activity Provider to do the expedition section. (Any company used for this must be approved to do so by the Duke of Edinburgh Award who will give it AAP status). Costs for using AAP's usually start from about £50 per person per day and details of providers can be found on the D of E website.

### Which Award?

Participants can start the Bronze Award in S3 (ie approximately 14 years and over.) For Silver, pupils will normally be in S4 and be approximately 15 years and over. For the Gold Award pupils **MUST BE OVER** 16 years old before **any** activities can be counted towards the Award. Any Award must be completed by 25 years of age. NB: The next level of the Award can only be started when a participant has completed at least ONE section of the previous level and then only the section completed at the previous level. Participants who have completed the whole of a previous level will be given priority for expedition places at the next level eg: If you have completed the whole of your Bronze Award you are more likely to be offered a place on a Silver expedition.

### What next?

Before enrolling for an Award, potential participants should spend time researching the Award and all it has to offer online at [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org). After enrollment and by the time participants receive their Welcome Packs they should have a good idea of what

they would like to do for each section. Advice and guidance on choice is available online and will be available from school staff assisting with the Award. Please note: an activity being carried out by a participant for a section of the Award must be approved by the member of staff managing the Award. This approval is carried out within the participants eDofE account and must be received before any activity begins.

If you wish to enroll in the Award Scheme through Trinity Academy please complete and return the attached **Participant Enrolment Form to the school office by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.**

Once enrollment forms have been received, a request for payment of the enrollment fee will be made through Parent Pay accounts.

After this is received a participant will be enrolled with D of E Award Office who then send out a username and password for a personal eDofE account. **NB: This will be sent to the email address supplied on the enrolment form so please write this clearly.**

When participants have logged onto their new eDofE account for the first time and entered the required information, D of E Head Office will send out a Welcome Pack to the postal address given by the participant. This should arrive within 10 to 21 days.

If you have any questions, please contact Peter Hunter by email:  
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\*NB: payments are collected by Parent Pay which has a 1.53% transaction fee added to all costs.