

September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – 2023/24 Information**

As a year 9 pupil, your child will have the option to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award at Belfairs Academy. The scheme has been run at Belfairs successfully for over a decade and this is the opportunity for your child to be a part of that.

If your child wishes to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award at Belfairs Academy, they should complete the recruitment letter attached explaining the reason why they wish to participate and how it will help them in the future. This letter should be handed to Mr North in 2G06A by no later than **7<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. Any letters handed in after this date will **not** be accepted.

I encourage all prospective participants to research the award before writing their letter at <https://www.dofe.org/do/>. Should your child miss the above deadline and still wish to complete their award they should consult [www.southenddofeopengroup.co.uk/](http://www.southenddofeopengroup.co.uk/) where they will be able to complete their award outside of Belfairs Academy.

### **Pricing**

The cost to enrol a pupil in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at Bronze Level is £35. This includes the cost of the Duke of Edinburgh welcome pack, administration, printing fees (certificates/enrolment documents), and the DofE Bronze Award lapel pin upon completion. The enrolment payment is non-refundable.

### **The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Structure (Bronze Level)**

The award consists of 4 sections.

#### **1. Volunteering**

To encourage service in the community, all students will complete an electronic logbook, recording at least 12 hours of service over 3 months. There are many different activities which your child can choose from. They must access the Duke of Edinburgh Website and choose an activity from the Volunteering section. Students will then have to contact the organisation of their choice and then attend on a regular basis for the allotted period. This should take part after school or on a Saturday and requires 100% attendance.

#### **2. Skills**

To encourage discovery and development, Students will log 12 or 24 hours of a skill related activity (electronically), showing progression and sustained interest in a NEW skill. Examples of activities include playing a musical instrument, singing lessons, or attending a cookery course. This should be organised by the student.

#### **3. Physical**

To encourage participation and improvement in physical activity, Students will log (electronically) 12 or 24 hours of activity in a particular recreation (can be new or existing), which can be either extra-curricular participation at school, or an activity outside of school.

#### 4. Expedition

This year's expedition has been organised through Lambourne End Outdoor Activity Centre based in Lambourne End. The following dates have been booked provisionally for the expedition portion of the Bronze Award:

- Training Day: **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024**
- Expedition: **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

The cost for the training day and expedition in total is **£120.00** including a non-refundable **£40.00** deposit. Payment to be made via Parent Pay. The dates are already booked with the facility and are unable to be moved.

#### **Payment Summary**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Deadline</u></b>
Enrolment	£35	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Expedition Deposit	£40	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Expedition Final Payment	£80	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024

#### **Commitment**

Relevant documents, training and expedition timetables will also be available on the Belfairs Academy website. Should you require any further information please contact me via [enquiries@belfairs.southend.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@belfairs.southend.sch.uk). I hope that your child decides to take this prestigious opportunity.

Should students wish to participate in the award they should return the recruitment letter no later than **7<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Yours sincerely,



Mr James E. North MA  
Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager - Belfairs Academy.