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Dear Parent/Carer

I'm pleased to let you know that Bohunt Farnborough will be offering the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) to students in Year 9 and Year 10.

The DofE is a great chance for your child to broaden their horizons, discover new interests and talents, have fun with friends, develop essential skills for their future and achieve an internationally renowned Award. This programme builds on the Outdoor Education programmes that our students benefit from in Years 7 and 8.

As Bohunt Farnborough's DofE Manager, I wanted to send you some information about what a DofE programme involves, the benefits for your child and how they can sign up.

About the DofE

The DofE is non-competitive and open to all young people – it's about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries. There are three levels of DofE programme which, when successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

Through their DofE, students will make friends and memories and build traits like confidence, resilience and self-esteem, which can benefit mental health. They'll gain skills and attributes for work and life, like problem-solving, team-working and self-motivation – and they'll achieve an Award that's recognised by top employers and can help them stand out when applying for University or Jobs.

To achieve their Bronze or Silver Award, participants must complete four sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical and their Expedition.

Every young person's DofE programme is personal to them – they can choose what they'd like to do for their Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections, and most activities can count. We will provide guidance and support, and students can either choose to continue an activity they already do or discover something completely new.

Activities for each section take a minimum of one hour a week over a set period of time, so they can fit around studying, hobbies and social lives. For more details about programmes and timescales **visit DofE.org**.

About the expedition

The Expedition section involves your child working as part of a small team to plan their expedition's aim, choose a location and do some training to make sure they're fully prepared – before spending time away depending on which award they are completing:

Bronze award- Year 9 only- Two days and one night in the countryside.

Silver award- Year 10 only- Three days and two nights in the countryside.

Ahead of this, they will take part in fortnightly training sessions- Week one will focus on Bronze, Week two will focus on Silver, depending which award your child is completing this will be the session they attend on a Monday after school, covering basic expedition principles and introducing them to expedition equipment.

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There will also be a number of training sessions in which your child and their group will plan their route and prepare. Participants will only be able to do their expedition if they attend the organised training.

eDofE and the DofE app

Participants can create their DofE programme and record their progress using eDofE, the DofE's digital system, available online at eDofE.org and through the DofE app – downloadable for free from Google Play and the App Store.

If your child decides to enrol, we will set up their eDofE account and they will receive details of how to sign in and get started. We will also hold an eDofE launch session once students have confirmed their commitment to taking part.

Signing up

The cost of taking part in the DofE is £200 per participant. This covers your child's participation place and Welcome Pack, which will be sent to their home address and includes their personalised DofE Discount Card. A deposit of £30 will need to be paid up front once your child has registered to take part. This will cover the cost of their welcome pack which is needed and important for them to show all their evidence carried out building to their expedition. £170 will then be spread out over the year and all through their School Gateway account your child does not need to bring money into school. Students will need to be registered by **MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2025. Once they are registered, then the deposit can be added to your child's School Gateway to pay for their welcome pack.**

If your child would like to take part, then please get them to scan the QR codes that are below depending on what year group they are in. If your child is in Year 9 they can only do bronze and if your child is in Year 10, they can only do silver. ALL STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE, they do not need to have previous experience.

If the cost of taking part is prohibitive, please speak to me as there may be financial support available to you.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to helping your child to achieve through their DofE.

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul Wilson
Teacher of Physical Education
Team leader of DofE
Head of Year 9

Year 9 Bronze QR code for registering.



Year 10 Silver QR code for registering.

