



Calday Grange Grammar School

Duke of Edinburgh – Guidance Notes 2020/21 Programme

The aim of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is to provide young people with an enjoyable, challenging and rewarding programme of personal development, which is of the highest quality and widest reach.

Full details of activity and time requirements for each level can be found on the official Duke of Edinburgh website at: www.dofe.org **We strongly recommend that parents and students take time to review what is required to complete an award before filling in the online application form.**

The Award Scheme is a fantastic opportunity for young people to further their skills of independence and leadership and is highly regarded by higher education institutions and employers.

The Award Scheme requires persistence and commitment and it is therefore the responsibility of the participant to find and arrange the activities that they will undertake for their volunteering, physical and skills sections. The school can offer advice but cannot find or organise the activities. Participants should also ideally choose something new to them, there is an extensive suggested list of activities and advice on the official DofE website: www.dofe.org

At bronze and silver levels walking participants join a walking and camping expedition of varying duration (see key dates) in Wales. Gold participants have a choice of expedition types, more details can be found on the [dofe website](http://dofe.org)

Some questions that may not be answered on the official website are;

What is an edofe account?

An online record of a participant's goals, aims, progress and results. All participants will be allocated an edofe account. This is how the programme manager monitors a students' progress and reviews their evidence of achievement.

What equipment and kit is provided for expeditions?

A tent, maps and cooking equipment are PROVIDED for each group. Students provide their own rucksack, boots, waterproof jacket and trousers, food and personal items – see website for a complete list.

Are all applicants accepted on to the programme?

Due to staffing and transport ratios, places are limited. All applicants are therefore required to submit a supporting statement giving the reasons why they wish to complete the award. Available places will be awarded based on merit. Students who are not successful in gaining a place will be placed on a reserve waiting list. Students may apply for silver or gold as their first award. If gold is your first award you are a direct entrant and should choose this option on the application form.

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Award Costs For School Year September 2020/2021

<u>Level</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Bronze	Year 10	£210	Includes Registration, Handbook & Expeditions
Bronze	Year 11	£170	Expeditions only a Practice & Assessed
Silver	Year 11	£275	Includes Registration, Handbook & Expeditions
Silver	Year 12	£235	Expeditions only a Practice & Assessed
Gold	Year 12	£375	Includes Registration, Handbook & Expeditions
Direct Gold	Year 12	£475	Includes Registration, Handbook & Expeditions This option is for students who have not completed silver award expeditions. Direct entrants attend the same practice and assessed expeditions as Gold entrants however, the practice expedition is 1 day/1night longer.
Registration Only	Years 10 to 12	£40	All Levels Registration & Handbook only

Expeditions include a practice and assessed trip with qualified instruction and supervision. Transport* and camping fees for locations used in and around Anglesey and Snowdonia are also included. The loan of tents, cooking equipment, maps and compasses are included.

*Bronze practices in 2021 may be located on the Wirral, in which case local transport is not included.

Parents may choose to make regular instalments, however, Bronze and Silver awards are required to be paid in full BEFORE students form their expedition groups. This is because once groups are finalised assessors and transport requirements become a fixed commitment to the school. Bronze and Silver awards are due to be paid in full by the end of January 2021. Gold awards are to be paid in full by April 2021.

Please understand that it is not possible to allocate a student to a group if the total cost of an award has not been paid. It is also not possible to give refunds for students who choose to withdraw from the programme at any point during the process.

Online application form

The application form for ALL award levels can be found on the [school website](#). Before completing the application form parents and students are encouraged to give due consideration to the commitment needed to complete the award. The personal and financial costs undertaken are not insignificant and the decision to participate should not be entered into lightly. Please be aware of the published expedition dates before committing. **All dates are published on [the school website](#). Expedition dates may conflict with other school activities and or trips. Year 12 students should be mindful of potential University testing dates.**

Once an application form has been processed students will receive an email requesting a £75 non refundable deposit, payable via parentpay. Students will be registered for the award within 7 days of receipt of the deposit payment. Students should check their school email address for registration information and further instructions which will be sent to them – this may take 7-10 days from receipt of the deposit.

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