

THE PRIORY ACADEMY

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# The Duke of Edinburgh Award

Mr D Hill, DofE Manager  
Tuesday, 17 June 2025



# The Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from

**The Priory Academy LSST**

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who spent

**2548 Hours**

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**volunteering between  
1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025.**

We are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement of young people making an impact in their community.

The social value of these hours is

**£16306**

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# Agenda

1. House keeping
2. The Duke of Edinburgh Award
3. The way the Priory LSST deliver it
4. The Application Process
5. Adult Volunteers
6. Any Questions



# House keeping

- No fire alarms are planned but in the event of the alarm sounding please collect at the bus bays
- Toilets are to the left as you exit the hall
- Darcy and I are available at the end for questions.
- The school website will be updated next week with this presentation and updated information.



# The Duke of Edinburgh Award



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# The Award History

- **The Duke of Edinburgh's Award** (commonly abbreviated **DofE**) is a youth awards programme founded in the United Kingdom in 1956 by [Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh](#),
- Participation in DofE programmes and the number of awards achieved has grown every year since 1956
- Over 6 million young people in the UK have taken part in the DofE in the UK since 1956



# The Award today

- A life-changing experience
- A fun time with friends
- An opportunity to discover new interests and talents
- A tool to develop essential skills for life and work
- A recognised mark of achievement; respected by employers
- The DofE is many things to many people, supporting generations to successfully navigate adult life



# Benefits to young people

The DofE programme aims for young people to develop the skills and attitudes they need to become more rounded, confident adults.

You can expect to see your child develop in the following areas as they work through their DofE programme:

- Self-belief, self-confidence and sense of identity
- Initiative and a sense of responsibility
- A real awareness of their strengths, talents and abilities
- The ability to plan and use time effectively
- New friendships

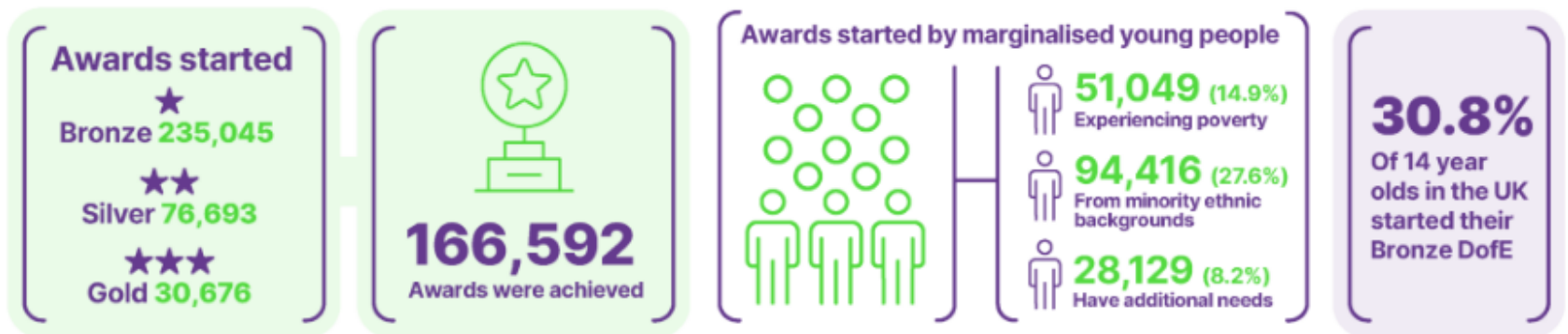


# The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in numbers

April 2024 - March 2025



# 572,802

 Young people actively doing their DofE

**YOUTH WITHOUT LIMITS**



# How old do I need to be?

- – Bronze – for those aged 14+ years (in that academic year)
- – Silver – for those aged 15+ years (in that academic year)
- – Gold – for those aged 16+ years

Regulations therefore allow participants to now start as follows:

- Year 9 – Bronze
- Year 10 – Silver
- Gold – once they are aged 16



# BRONZE

Volunteering **3** months

Physical **3** months

Skills **3** months

*PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.*

Expedition **2** days **1** night



# SILVER

Volunteering **6** months

Physical

one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months

Skills

*Plus an extra 6 months in the Volunteering, or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections if you haven't got Bronze.*

Expedition **3** days **2** nights



# GOLD

Volunteering **12** months

Physical

one section for 12 months, the other for 6 months

Skills

*Plus an extra 6 months in the Volunteering, or longer of the Skills or Physical sections, if you haven't got Silver.*

Expedition **4** days **3** nights



Residential **5** days **4** nights

# Sections - Volunteering

**Volunteering is all about making a difference to others' lives.**

- Volunteering is about giving time to do something meaningful, motivated by making a difference rather than making money.
- Participants should look for impactful opportunities around them – this can be in person or online.

**Working with the environment or animals**

**Coaching, teaching and leadership**

**Community action & raising awareness**

**Helping people**

**Helping a charity or community organisation**



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# Sections – Volunteering – Gold

**DOFE YOUNG  
LEADERS  
PROGRAMME**

**Prory LSST  
Teacher  
mentoring  
programme**



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# Sections - Physical

For your physical activity you need to choose any sport, dance or fitness activity – in short, anything that requires a sustained level of energy and physical activity

- It can not be covered by school PE Lessons
- Extra curricular clubs can be utilised

**Fitness**

**Extreme sports**

**Individual sports**

**Water sports**

**Dance**

**Martial arts**

**Racquet sports**

**Team sports**



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# Sections - Skills

For your skills activity you need to choose an activity that will allow you to prove you have broadened your understanding and increased your expertise in your chosen skill.

- It should not be a physical activity, for example horse riding, however, you could choose to learn about caring for horses

**Performance arts**

**Learning & collecting**

**Science & technology**

**Natural world**

**Care of animals**

**Games & recreation**

**Life skills**

**Creative arts**

**Media & communication**

**Music**



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# Sections - Skills



DofE Six Month Skills Course: Understanding Endangered Species AN...



DofE Three Month Skills Course: Essential Cooking

Course



DofE Three Month Skills Course: Understanding Global Citizenship



# Sections – Expedition

For your Expedition section, you will need to plan, train for and complete an unaccompanied, self-reliant expedition with an agreed aim.

- You must do:
  - the correct training for your level
  - at least one practice expedition
  - a qualifying expedition
  - a final presentation in order to complete the section

**On foot**

**By boat**

**On horseback**

**By canoe or kayak**

**By bicycle**

**By wheelchair**



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# Sections – Expedition



All levels require a Practice and Qualifying Expedition:



Bronze – 2 days / 1 night



Silver 3 days / 2 nights



Gold 4 days / 3 nights



Increasingly challenging terrain:



Bronze – low level terrain

Leicestershire Wolds / Sherwood Forest



Silver – introducing undulating terrain

Peak District



Gold – challenging terrain & remote locations

Yorkshire Dales (Wild Country)

# Sections – Residential (Gold Only)

For your Residential section you need to undertake a shared activity or specific course with people you don't know, in a residential setting away from home and in an unfamiliar environment. Evenings are often as much a part of the experience as daytime activities.

- The residential activity should normally take place over at least five consecutive days with a minimum of four nights spent away

Activity based

Learning

Environment and  
conservation

Service to others



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# How do LSST deliver the Award



# The Award Management

- Introduction in Module 1
- eDofE
- Mentoring sessions
- Students taking responsibility
- Presentation Assemblies

# The Compulsory Training

In order to complete the expedition section the licenced organisation (ie the school in this case) has a responsibility to train and prepare students for this section.

- Saturday sessions
- After school kitting
- Off timetable planning days



# The Commitment

The DofE award is open to students and young people between the ages of 14 and their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday BUT experience tells us success is more likely in a structured time frame.

- Bronze – 1 Academic Year from Sept to Sept
- Silver – 1 Academic Year from Sept to Sept
- Gold – 1.5 - 2 Academic Years (6<sup>th</sup> Form)
- Full award with all dates scheduled at the time of application
- Students & parents to sign up to the commitment required



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# The Commitment - Dates

Date	Days	Event	Location	Cohort
1/9/2025 - 04/09/25	Mon - Thu	Gold Practice	Peak District	Gold 24
13/09/25	Sat	DofE Introduction	LSST	All
26/09/25 - 19/09/25	Fri - Mon	Gold Qualifier	Yorkshire Dales	Gold 24
11/10/2025	Sat	Navigation	LSST	All
15/11/25	Sat	First Aid	LSST	All
28/03/26	Sat	Campcraft	LSST	Bronze + Direct Entrants
25/04/26 - 26/04/26	Sat - Sun	Bronze Practice	Rutland Water	Bronze
30/04/26 - 1/05/26	Thur - Fri	Bronze Qualifier	Clumber	Bronze
15/05/26 - 17/05/26	Fri - Sun	Silver Practice	East Peaks	Silver
03/06/26 - 05/06/26	Wed - Fri	Silver Qualifier	White Peak	Silver
26/06/26 - 29/06/26	Fri - Mon	Gold Practice	Dark Peak	Gold 25
09/07/26 - 12/07/26	Thur - Sun	Gold Qualifier	Yorkshire Dales	Gold 25

# What happens if I miss a session?

Once signed up for the award your child will have until their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday to finish it.

- Opportunities to complete equivalent external training at the individuals own cost
- Opportunities to drop back a cohort

# What happens if I miss a session?

Opportunities to complete equivalent external training at the individuals own cost

- Introduction session – No alternatives
- First Aid session – Alternatives available:
  - St Johns Ambulance online course / Youth First Aid course / HSE Emergency First Aid at Work course
- Navigation session – Alternatives available:
  - Bronze – 1 day navigation course / Bronze NNAS award / Silver NNAS award
- Campcraft (Only for Bronze unless direct entrant on Silver or Gold) – Alternative:
  - Overnight expedition skills course
- Expedition Planning – No alternative part of the 20 conditions of assessment

# Structured Time frame

- Onus is on the student to manage their award
- In school support
- Parental support



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# Structured Time frame

## Completions matter

### The ten steps to success

- DofE guidelines to success:
  - No. 8 – Remind students they will not be able to attend their expeditions unless their sections are complete
- LSST's approach
  - Bronze – Complete 2 sections before practice expedition
  - Silver – Complete 2 sections before qualifier expedition
  - Gold – Complete the 6 month section and their residential before the practice expedition



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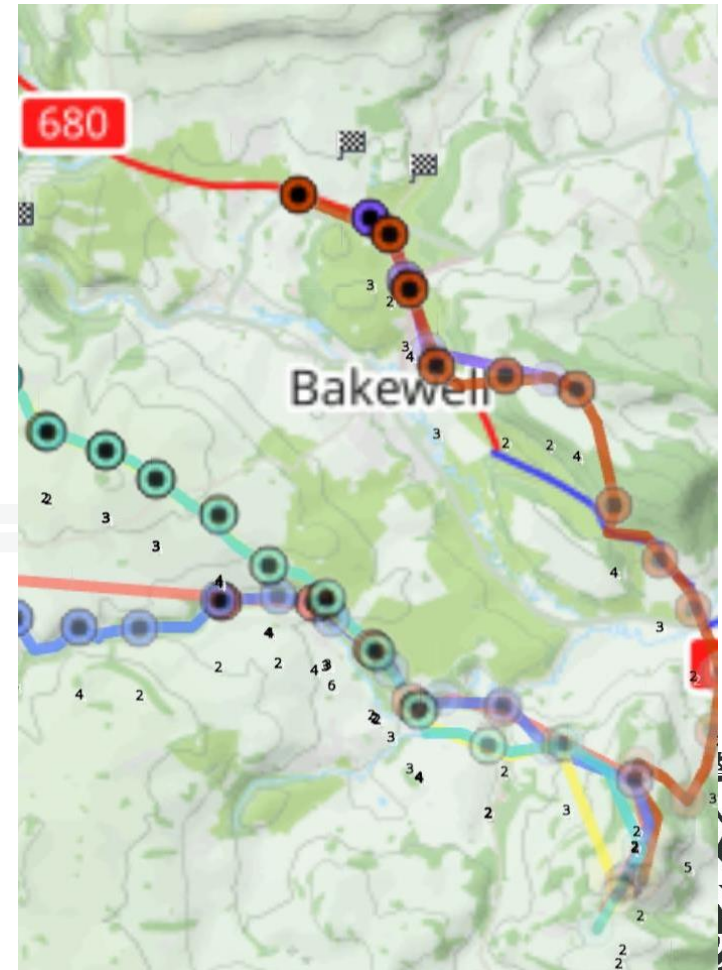


# The Expectations Agreement

- Training
- eDofE
- Expedition
- Behaviour
- Progression
- Failure to adhere to the above expectations will result in assessment of the participants place on the scheme resulting in possible recourse or removal from the academies delivery of the award.



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# eDofE

- Section management system
- Students App
- Website management by staff
- [eDofE App Intro Video](#)
- [eDofE Staff Management](#)

# The Application Process



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# The Application Process

- Assembly Presentation for students
- Parents Presentation Evening
- Students emailed application details
- Application deadline for Bronze and Silver – **0900hrs Thursday 27th June**
- Application deadline for Gold – **0900hrs Friday 11th July**
- Selection process
- Invitation to join the cohort

# How much does the Award cost?

Individual licenced organisations run the award in their own ways so costs can vary throughout the country

LSST Costs (estimated):

- **Bronze - £300**
- **Silver - £350**
- **Gold - £450**

As a academy we are able to offer a contribution if you qualify for Pupil Premium or Service Premium. The amount of contribution available is determined by how many apply. This is only available for Bronze and Silver.

2 payment options available (Monthly or one off)

Included in the cost:

- |                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| • DofE Registration            | Training costs |
| • Operating Licence Expedition | Loan kit       |
| • Transport                    | Administration |



# How many places are available?

This year the following places will be available:

- Year 9 – Bronze – 42 places
- Year 10 / 11 – Silver – 28 places
- Year 12 – Gold – 28 places



# Adult Volunteers



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# Helping Out –DofE Volunteers

- Leaders
  - Coordinators
  - Supervisors
  - Assessors
  - Helpers
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- Contact Mr D Hill on [LSSTDofE@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:LSSTDofE@prioryacademies.co.uk)



# Any Questions



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