



# The Ridgeway School & Sixth Form College

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Dear Parent / Carer,

**Re: Y9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award,**

We are pleased to give you the chance of signing up on the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award at The Ridgeway School and Sixth Form College.

**There will be an information meeting in the main hall at school on Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 18.00.**

**To enrol, please could both you and your son/daughter complete the attached form and give it to Mr Kench in R03 by break-time on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. By completing the enrolment form you are committing to attend the following evening and weekend activities.**

Student commitments for the award are:

- Active participation in completing eDofE (including eDofE session on 17<sup>th</sup> October 15:30 – 17:00)
- Preparation sessions afterschool
- Training weekend (29<sup>th</sup> Feb/1<sup>st</sup> March 2020)
- Practice expedition (13/14 March 2020)
- Route planning after school (w/c 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020)
- Assessed expedition (27/28 March 2020)
- Completion of Skill, Volunteering and Physical sections

The cost of completing Bronze D of E at Ridgeway is currently £170 which covers all of the above, £22 of this will cover the D of E enrolment fee. As the overall price was based on the number of students attending, we must have a steady income of monthly payments as the school is required to make payments at intervals.

If you wish to pay more than the monthly amount you may do so but **please ensure** your final payment is no less than the minimum amount required on ParentPay. If two payments are missed without contact from yourselves, your son/daughter will be removed from the course.

If you are experiencing problems with your pc, login to ParentPay or would like a barcoded letter please contact the finance office.

Should your child withdraw please contact the finance office immediately and they will contact me, the party leader. This notification must be in writing or by email: [finance@ridgewayschool.com](mailto:finance@ridgewayschool.com)

If your child chooses to accept their place as a participant at The Ridgeway School, payment can be made from the 30<sup>th</sup> September and will be due as follows:

Non-refundable deposit of £50	7 <sup>th</sup> October
£60 instalment	7 <sup>th</sup> November
£60 instalment	7 <sup>th</sup> December

**Please be aware your son/daughter will only be added to the final list of participants; if a deposit has been paid by 7<sup>th</sup> October and they have completed a DofE statement by that date .**

Please feel free to contact me at the email address should below should you have any questions.

Yours Faithfully,

Petra Houston  
DofE Manager,

[HoustonP@ridgewayschool.com](mailto:HoustonP@ridgewayschool.com)

Attachment: DofE Enrolment Form

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## Bronze DofE overview.

This will all be described in detail during the information evening, on the 25<sup>th</sup> September.

It will usually take you at least 6 months to complete your Bronze programme.

- Volunteering section: 3 months
- Physical section: 3 months
- Skills section: 3 months
- Expedition section: 2 days/1 night

You also have to spend an extra three months on one of the Volunteering, Physical or Skills sections. It's your choice which one and, though you can change your mind later, you should decide which section you want to do for longer at the beginning. Knowing how long you're going to do it for will help you to choose your activity and set your goals for each section. Have a look on the DofE website for lots of different ideas, <https://www.dofe.org/do/ideas/>.

Below is a rough outline of the expedition plans:

- Training weekend (29<sup>th</sup> Feb/1<sup>st</sup> March 2020) – Saturday spent in school, DofE Training. Sunday, day hike Savernake woods area.
- Practice expedition (13/14 March 2020) – Friday, leave from school in the morning to Marlborough area, hike and camp. Saturday, hike and return to school late afternoon.
- Assessed expedition (27/28 March 2020) - Friday, leave from school in the morning to Cotswolds, hike and camp. Saturday, hike and return to school late afternoon

A kit list for expeditions can be found on the school website or <https://www.dofe.org/do/expeditionkit/>. The school will provide tents, stoves and fuel. Students can borrow rucksacks, sleeping bags, roll mats if needed.

