

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award Launch

Dear Participant, Parent and/or Carer,

Following our assembly and letters sent home in June, we are excited to open the enrolment for this years Bronze DofE. The summer term saw a substantial quantity of students coming to speak to us and collecting a letter, this is exciting, and we look forward to the enrolments numbers to continue. Thank you to those that have already completed the enrolment form.

This prestigious award requires commitment and determination but provides an excellent sense of achievement, forms lifelong friendships and memories, and becomes a powerful addition to your CV. The activities that students will undertake will help them to stand out from the crowd and show their true strengths and character.

We have written this letter to provide you with more information relating to the enrolment as well as the key dates that relate to the expedition section of the award. To provide you with more information about the award, we would like to invite you to an enrolment information evening. The Bronze enrolment evening will take place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 6pm in the Quay Hall**. The evening is crucially important as it will provide information on the various sections that make up the award, as well as information on the expeditions and how we keep students safe on these ventures. There will also be the opportunity for us to answer any questions that you may have.

The main expeditions will take place in the summer term, but it is important that students get enrolled now, to allow participants to complete their volunteering, skill and physical sections of the award. It also allows plenty of time for us to provide the training required for the students.

Key dates for the 2024/2025 Bronze DofE Programme are:

Date & Time	Activity	Location
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 (6pm)	Bronze DofE Enrolment Evening (Parents/Carers & participants all welcome)	Quay Hall
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Deadline for Bronze DofE Enrolment	
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Bronze Training Day	Newquay Tretherras
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> → Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Bronze 1 Practice Expedition	TBC
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> → Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Bronze 2 Practice Expedition	TBC
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 (3 → 4.30pm)	Bronze Training/Route Planning	Newquay Tretherras
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 (3 → 4.30pm)	Bronze Training/Route Planning	Newquay Tretherras
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 (3 → 4.30pm)	Bronze Training/Route Planning	Newquay Tretherras
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> → Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Bronze 1 Assessment Expedition	Bodmin Moor (South)

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> → Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Bronze 2 Assessment Expedition	Bodmin Moor (South)
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The cost for Bronze DofE is £93. The cost is made up of two amounts. £28 is for students to have an eDofE account and £65 which is a contribution towards the expedition costs. These costs will appear as two separate items on ParentPay. To allow us to enrol students onto eDofE, we require the **£28 by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. The remainder we ask to be paid by way of two instalments, **£30 by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January and £35 by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**. We work hard to ensure that we keep the cost of the award as affordable as possible and will provide you with further details at the enrolment evening. If you have any issues with the cost of the award then please get in contact with me, we do not want cost to be a barrier to students taking part in DofE.

If you are wanting to take part, please complete the NTOL Consent Form and the DofE Enrolment form as soon as possible. These are completed online and links for both are below. Once we have received the completed forms, we will then assign the payment item on ParentPay. Please allow a few days for this to take place as it is not an automatic task. If you have already completed the enrolment form, that we sent out in June, please do not complete again, this item should already be shown on ParentPay. If it isn't, please get in contact with me.

Link to DofE Enrolment Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/yZ9hJ1ZJfk>

Link to NTOL Consent Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/YesXHX73rN>

If you have any questions about Bronze DofE, please come and have a chat, or speak to those who participated last year. I look forward to receiving your consent and enrolment forms and getting started on some fantastic DofE adventures with you all.

I look forward to seeing interested participants and their parents/carers for the enrolment information evening. Should you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me at school. You can email me on [ntol@tretherras.net](mailto:ntol@tretherras.net) or ring on 01637 872080. Please note that I work out of the office running Outdoor Learning programmes frequently, therefore, if I can't get back to you straight away, I will endeavour to do so as soon as I can.

Yours faithfully,



Mr J Blum  
Head of Outdoor Learning