



1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers

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

I am writing to inform you that your child has the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze award at Oasis Academy Oldham.

The Duke of Edinburgh scheme is a non-competitive award that will give your child; skills, confidence, and a view on life that employers, colleges, and universities are looking for. Your child is currently participating in many of the activities required to achieve the award already, without gaining the appropriate recognition for this.

The Bronze Award is split into four sections:

- **Skill**
- **Physical**
- **Volunteering**
- **Expedition**

Your child has been given information on the criteria for each section during an assembly. However, the following website provides more information about the award: <http://www.dofe.org/what-is-dofe>.

Students taking part in the award can start to complete three sections straight away (Skills, Physical and Volunteering). Two of these sections need to be completed regularly for three months, whilst one section must be worked on for 6 months. For each section, students need to ask a mentor to sign them off for their participation each week/month and write a short report on them at the end of the specified timeframe. Please note, that mentors cannot be family members. At Oasis Academy Oldham, we offer support for all sections to ensure they are achievable for every student.

To complete the Expedition section, students will have to complete a practice expedition and an assessed expedition (dates to be confirmed). The expeditions will involve two days of navigation / trekking and a one-night camp over the course of a weekend with qualified/experienced staff.

Oasis Academy staff will support your child in every way possible but can only act as 'facilitators'. It must be stressed that the driving force to complete this award must come from your child. The ethos of the award is something that is achieved by the individual, and we must not detract from this, or devalue the achievement of others by pushing the students through.

For further information about the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award, please look on the official website - [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the academy.

There will be a Duke of Edinburgh enrolment cost of £40 which can be paid through MCAS. If your child is interested in enrolling on to the Duke of Edinburgh programme, please complete the section below and return this letter to Mr Jolly by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

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**Yes I am interested in the Duke of Edinburgh Programme**

Name:.....

Form:.....

Yours sincerely

**Mr Jolly**

Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator

**Principal - Marie Dillon**

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