

Langley Park School for Boys



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Dear Families

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award

The Duke of Edinburgh's award is a national charity that gives young people aged 13-24 the chance to develop skills for life and work, fulfil their potential and have a brighter future.

The award is a personalised program of activities in four sections – Volunteering, Physical fitness, Skills, and Expedition. The award encourages young people to help the community, get fitter, develop skills, and independently plan and prepare for a challenging expedition.

Participants will be challenged to try new things and to discover talents they may not have known they have. As well as being lots of fun, achieving the award will give students the skills, confidence and a view on life that, Colleges, Universities and Employers are looking for.

The award is always popular with LPSB students and is often oversubscribed; this year's numbers are strictly limited to 35 students. Enrolment will be subject to random selection. Therefore, if you wish your child to be considered for this exciting opportunity, **please register your interest on MCAS by processing the nil balance INTEREST offer in the Trips and Offers purse by 03/10/25**. After this date, the offer will be closed, names will be selected at random, and I will be in contact with those who have been successful in securing a place.

For those students that do not get selected for the Bronze award there is another opportunity to do the Silver award in year 10 or 12. There has no cap on the number of students that take the Silver award and you do not need to have done the Bronze award to do the Silver award.

Key Information

Expedition dates

The expedition part of the program will be run over four days.

1 and 2 July - Training and Practice

5 and 6 July - Assessed expedition (overnight camping)

These dates are non-negotiable and are the only available dates due to an exceptionally busy school calendar. Every effort has been made to avoid as many clashes as possible, but please be mindful that other sporting, musical or other trips and events are likely to take place on these dates. The expectation is that the D of E takes priority of these, as attendance is mandatory to pass the award. Please make sure your child is available for these dates prior to signing up.

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Please note participation in the expedition section is dependent on the commitment to the other three sections.

Remote supervision will be used during the entire expedition section as the participants will be walking their routes in small DofE groups and will be met at regular intervals by staff at pre-arranged check points.

I would encourage you and your child to visit the official DofE website (www.dofe.org) and the school, website [here](#). If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me via pkay@lpsb.org.uk.

Costs

The cost to for a student to enrol onto the DofE award at the school is £102.50, which includes:

£30.50 **Direct cost to DofE (non-refundable)**

£25.00 **D of E licence fee. (non-refundable)**

£47.00 **For practice, training and assessed expedition which covers transport, campsite fees, equipment maintenance and upkeep.**

How to apply

D of E is always oversubscribed. There are only 35 places on the trip. To register your interest please follow the instructions below by **03/10/25**. **You will not be charged at this point**. Your child will be selected randomly from the pool of interest made through MCAS. You will receive a confirmation email if you have been a successful applicant. Further instructions will be issued then.

The INTEREST offer should be made via MCAS using the same login as when topping up lunch cards. There is no payment at this stage, the offer you need to process is called **DoE Bronze 2025/26**. If you have never registered on MCAS then please contact office@lpsb.org.uk for details.

Please note that if your child is eligible for Free School Meals or Pupil Premium, you may be able to access financial support for this trip. Please contact TButterworth@lpsb.org.uk for further information. Please also note that if you will struggle to make the payment in full, please contact trips@LPSB.org.uk and we will be able to set up alternative payment options.

Kind regards



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