

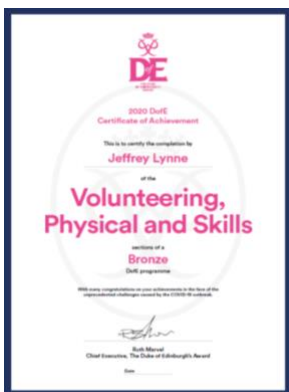
Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to introduce you to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and to explain the enrolment process for Bronze Award participants at Charlton School.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is the world's leading youth achievement award and is a globally recognised Award. There are three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold, which differ in terms of increasing time commitment, degree of challenge and age of entry. The benefits of achieving an Award at any level are endless. It encourages young people to push themselves to do new things, grow in confidence and develop new skills. The Award is highly valued and respected by both employers and further or higher education establishments.

We are providing the opportunity to undertake the Bronze Award to all students in Year 9. In completing the Award over the next few months, students will undertake four sections as part of their own personal and unique journey. These are **Physical, Skills, Volunteering & Expedition**.

Every young person's DofE programme is personal to them – they can choose what they would like to do for their Physical, Skills and Volunteering sections, and most activities can count. We will provide guidance and support, and students can either choose to continue an activity they already do or discover something completely new.



Provisional dates for the expedition are 23rd and 24th May 2024.

Training will start after February half term on a Monday after school, it is essential that your child attends **ALL** training sessions, DofE training **MUST** take priority over other activities because this is part of the criteria for passing the award. Students will not be able to take part in the expedition if they miss training.

If your child has already signed up for the ski trip and will be attending the ski lessons, they may not be able to do DofE due to a potential clash with training.

Timescales:

Students can get started on their non-expedition sections as soon as they are registered. As the school's DofE Manager, I will be on hand to support the students throughout the Award to offer advice and ensure they record their activities correctly on eDofE (the online account). Two of the sections must be completed over a three-month period and the third over a six-month period, for a minimum of one hour per week. For list of ideas for each section please visit: www.dofe.org/do/ideas/

Bronze (Year 9+)	Volunteering 3 months	Physical 3 months	Skills 3 months	Expedition 2 days 1 night
	Plus a further 3 months in either the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section			

About the Expedition

At Charlton, the expedition section is completed under the supervision and guidance of Mrs Bird, who will ensure that the expedition meets the requirements of the Award.

This section will involve training and a qualifying expedition, and our students will be in teams of 4–7.

eDofE and the DofE App

Participants can create their DofE programme and record their progress using eDofE, the DofE's digital system, available online at eDofE.org and through the DofE app – downloadable for free from Google Play and the App Store.

When your child enrolls, I will set up their eDofE account and they will receive details of how to sign in and get started.

Signing up

The cost of taking part in the DofE is £90 per participant. This covers your child's participation place and Welcome Pack (£25.50), which will be sent to their home address and includes their personalised DofE Discount Card. This also includes a contribution to the school's DofE Licence Fee, (£25) and all expedition costs (£39.50).

If your child would like to take part, please complete, and return the enclosed enrolment form, together with the sum of £90 by Friday 12th January 2024 to the Finance office, using parent pay, cash, or cheque. We can arrange for payment to be made in two instalments, if required. Forms can be e mailed to khughes@charlton.uk.com

Please note that the bronze DofE award will only take place if sufficient numbers sign up.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to helping your child to achieve through their DofE.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Bird
DofE Manager

Please print clearly in **CAPITALS** or type your details in. Please complete all the questions.

DofE Centre: Charlton School	DofE group: Bronze Year 9
DofE level: Bronze	

Personal details:

First name:	Last name:
Date of birth: / /	Form
Email address (this is the email address that will be registered on eDofE – your online account):	

When you first sign in to eDofE you will be asked to record some personal details such as your contact details, ethnicity, and personal circumstances, along with details of any medical needs you may have. This data is used to enable your Leaders to support you doing your DofE programme and for the DofE's statistical and reporting purposes. You will always have a 'prefer not to say' option.

Declaration:

I agree to enrol as a participant on a DofE programme. I understand that I will be managing my programme using the online eDofE system. I acknowledge that this system has a set of terms and conditions that I agree to. These terms and conditions are available at www.eDofE.org

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Consent to enrol from parent or carer (if applicant is under 18 years old).

I agree to my son / daughter / ward doing a DofE programme. I note that it is my responsibility to check that any activity my son / daughter / ward undertakes for their DofE programme is appropriately managed and insured, unless the activity is directly managed or organised by their DofE group, centre, or Licensed Organisation.

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Note:

Data supplied on this form and in eDofE and information about DofE activities recorded in eDofE will be used by the DofE Charity, the Licensed Organisation and DofE centre to monitor and manage DofE participation and progress by young people and manage and support Leader.