



# WOODBROOK VALE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award 2026

It gives me great pleasure to invite your son/daughter to commence their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award programme.

As I am sure you know by now there are four sections to the Bronze Award: **Volunteering** – undertaking service to individuals or the community. **Physical** – improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness. **Skill** – developing practical and social skills and personal interests. **Expeditions** – training for, planning and completing an adventurous journey. Participants are required to commit one hour per week for each section to achieve the award. The time spent completing each section must be in the students' own time, e.g. lunch time, evenings or weekends. Students will be expected to start at least 2 out of the 3 sections (Volunteering, Skill and Physical) immediately after the summer holidays.

To complete the expedition section of the award, students will be required to attend training sessions either afterschool or over the course of a weekend. This has not yet been finalised and will be communicated after the summer holidays.

An initial deposit of **£30.50** should be made to secure your son/daughter's place and cover DofE registration fees by **Friday 05 September 2025**. **Please note this is non-refundable**. Payments are to be made using the school ParentPay system. The final cost of the award this year will be £190.00. This covers full expedition training, camping fees and GPS tackers. Details of the payment of the final balance will be sent out after the summer holidays, once students have started their sections. Information regarding expedition and training dates will also be communicated after the summer holidays. Financial support with the cost may be available, please contact the school if you would like to discuss this further.

In addition to the paying the initial deposit, parents must also complete and submit the following google form by **Friday 05 September 2025** to give consent for you child to begin their DofE Bronze Award.

<https://forms.gle/paBqjKXzqK8LYXZG6>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, via telephone or email at [dmatthews@wbvs.co.uk](mailto:dmatthews@wbvs.co.uk) Further information about the Duke of Edinburgh Awards can also be found at [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org).

Yours faithfully

Mr David Matthews

