

08 December 2025

Dear Families

Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Bronze Award

We're kicking off the recruitment for this year's Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Bronze Award. This is a brilliant opportunity, and we really hope your child will think about signing up.

The DofE is more than just a certificate; it's a chance for young people to step out of their comfort zone, find out what they're really good at, and get a huge boost of confidence.

What's great about DofE?

This nationally recognized award is a fantastic way for students to grow personally and practically. It helps them to:

- Learn new stuff: Pick up practical and thinking skills in all sorts of areas.
- Boost their future: Universities and employers love seeing DofE on a CV. It shows commitment, staying power, and leadership.
- Give back: Make a real, positive difference in the local community through volunteering.
- Feel ready for anything: It's a powerful way for every student to build self-belief and tackle new challenges head-on.

How the Bronze Award Works

The Bronze Award is split into four fun sections. Your child gets to choose their activities for the first three, and we'll be here to help them succeed!

1. Volunteering: Giving time to help people, the community, or the environment.
2. Physical: Getting fitter in a sport, dance, or fitness activity.
3. Skills: Developing a practical talent or a new hobby.
4. Expedition: This is the big adventure! It involves two days and one night spent walking and camping in the countryside.

Safety is our top priority! We'll provide plenty of training, guidance, and support to make sure every student is fully prepared and safe throughout the whole journey.

Important dates to know

Please make a note of the following key dates for training and the expedition:

- After school training sessions: Dates and times to be confirmed (TBC).
- Expedition training day: Monday 16 March 2026
- The big expedition (qualifying): Saturday 21 March 2026 – Sunday 22 March 2026

Ready to sign up? Next steps

We're excited to have a big group take on this unique opportunity this year!

- Cost: The total cost for the Bronze Award is £200 per person. This covers registration, training materials, the training day, and all expedition support (including some equipment, campsite fees, and the professional external DofE provider, Trekco, who will be the main lead for the expeditions).
- Financial help: We don't want the cost to stop anyone from taking part. If this fee is a barrier, please contact me confidentially as soon as possible to chat about possible financial support.
- Enrolment: To save your child's spot, please pay a non-refundable £40 deposit via the MCAS app by Thursday 04 January 2026.

DEPOSIT	£40	04 JANUARY 2026
1 ST PAYMENT	£80	16 FEBRUARY 2026
2 ND PAYMENT	£80	16 MARCH 2026
TOTAL	£200	

We never want cost to be a barrier preventing members of our Sackville Community from our culture of belonging or from being able to take part in trips and events. We will work closely with all families to ensure that every child has equitable access to opportunity, during their time at Sackville School. If any families would like their child to take part in this opportunity and would need financial assistance, we invite families to get in touch with us to discuss what may be available.

Thank you so much for your support. We look forward to seeing a large, enthusiastic group of students feel ready for anything the future holds!

If you have any further questions please contact the DofE team ; dofe@mysackville.co.uk or myself - <mailto:aparry@mysackville.org.uk>

Link to DofE Website: <http://www.dofe.org>

Yours sincerely

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