

7th December 2022

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Dear Parents / Carers.

Thank you for your patience whilst the finance and expedition plans for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh scheme for 2022/23 have been arranged and confirmed.

In order to run the DofE as a Centre, there are costs that we have to cover. The total cost for each student undertaking Bronze for the 2022/23 cohort is £95.00, which has been split into two non-refundable payments of £47.00 and £48.00. This cost covers the annual DofE Licensing fee charged to the centre, enrolment, admin, insurance, camp site fees and maintenance costs. The cost does not cover private transport arrangements to and from the expedition locations, kit or any additional costs associated with the volunteering, skill and physical sections of the award.

The initial £47.00 payment is due by Friday 16th December 2022. Once this payment has been received via Wisepay, your child will be registered with the Duke of Edinburgh Award and their eDofE Account (online logbook) set up. At this time, a full timetable of sessions and events will be distributed via a dedicated Google Classroom for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award participants.

The final £48.00 payment is due by Monday 13th March 2023.

Ridgeway Academy will be running one Practice and one Qualifying Expedition this year to accommodate the numbers who have completed enrolment forms. Our provisional expedition dates are outlined below.

Please, keep these dates free in your family calendar:

- Training Day: Saturday 25th March 2023 at Ridgeway Academy
- Practice Expedition: Friday 26th May 2023 to Saturday 27th May 2023.
- Qualifying Expedition: Saturday 1st July 2023 to Sunday 2nd July 2023

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to drop me an email at Richard.Sutton@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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