Welcome to Camden Duke of Edinburgh's Award

What is the Duke of Edinburgh's Award?

- An international charity aimed at developing young people's skills outside of the classroom
- Set up in 1956 by Prince Philip as a youth development programme
- 4 main components: volunteering, physical, skills and expeditions
- 3 levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold
- Runs in 144 countries
- Over 8 million young people have completed the D of E programme worldwide

Why should I do the Duke of Edinburgh's Award?

The benefits of achieving the D of E Award are endless...

- Have lots of fun with friends, whilst also meeting new people along the way
- Get healthier and happier through completing different sections
- Explore new places and experience the beautiful British countryside
- Refine existing skills and find talents you didn't know you had
- Gain unique skills that employers and colleges/university value highly
- Make memories that will last a lifetime
- Develop initiative and a sense of responsibility
- Engage with the local community

What do I have to do as part of the award?

Volunteering

Giving service to individuals or the community. This cannot be for a business or family member but can be for a charity or for a not-for-profit organisation. Examples:

- Raising money for a charity
- Being a football coach
- Helping at an after-school club.

Skills

Developing practical and social skills and personal interests.

- Learning how to juggle
- Improving musical skills
- Build a website, blog or video diary.

Physical

Improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities.

- Joining a local athletics club
- Improving their martial arts skills
- Taking weekly dance lessons.

Expedition

Planning, training for and completing a supervised adventurous journey as one of a team in the UK or abroad. It can be by canoe, kayak or boat; on foot; on horseback; by wheelchair or by bicycle.

What is the D of E expedition?

Expeditions involve walking, navigating, camping and cooking in the British countryside - all tents, clothes, food etc. are carried in rucksacks by participants.

1. Participants will plan and make aims for their expedition as a group of approx. 6 people
2. Participants learn new outdoor skills such as camp craft, first aid, the countryside code and navigation to ensure a safe and enjoyable expedition
3. The school organises an assessed expedition; testing leadership, stamina, decision-making, communication, teamwork and practical skills

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How do they complete the award?

Once the student has decided to start their Bronze to Silver award, their next few steps are:

1. Fill in an enrolment form and return to your school's D of E coordinator, Mr O'Malley (R1B)
2. Pay the £20 enrolment fee to your school's D of E project
3. Receive confirmation of successfully joining the school's D of E programme
4. Receive log in details to the online portal eDofe, where a secure profile in the student's name will be made to track their progress
5. Upload section plans and start working towards their award!
6. After half-term, afterschool weekly check-ins on Thursday to aid with logging and tracking your progress.

How is the award verified?

- We use eDofe to continuously check participant development through their award
- Participants upload section plans for physical, volunteering, skills and the expedition
- The D of E coordinator approves the choice of assessor and activity before the participant can officially start that section
- They also upload evidence and an assessor's report for each section to prove their involvement
- The D of E coordinator will then sign off each section as and when the participant has proved their commitment to their activities for the necessary time period. Camden D of E will approve their final Award.

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