

KHI/ACL/ DofE2026-2027

12th October 2026



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award 2026-2027

Dear Parents/Carers,

Barr Beacon School

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We are excited to announce that the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award is now open for registration for the 2026-2027 academic year. This prestigious award is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop essential life skills, build resilience, and grow in confidence. By taking part, participants will engage in a range of activities including volunteering, physical challenges, and developing personal skills, culminating in an exciting expedition. As one of the most recognised youth awards in the UK, the DofE Award not only provides participants with unforgettable memories but also stands out as a valuable achievement on applications for further education and employment.

The DofE Award requires dedication and a commitment to completing the four sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills, and the Expedition. Each pupil will need to plan and commit time to their activities across several months. The effort put into this journey is immensely rewarding, helping pupils grow personally and stand out in future academic and career pursuits. It is your child's responsibility to organise the activities that they will do for the volunteering, physical and skills section however we are happy to suggest ideas and offer support wherever necessary. For more information about the Duke of Edinburgh Award and what it entails, please visit the official website: <https://www.dofe.org>
There is also a section of the school website dedicated to the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Overview of the award:

1. Volunteering: This section encourages pupils to give back to their community by volunteering. Through service, participants learn the value of community involvement and develop empathy and responsibility.
2. Physical: In this section, pupils choose a physical activity to improve their fitness and well-being. Whether it's a sport they already love or a new physical challenge, participants will enhance their stamina, discipline, and motivation.
3. Skills: The Skills section allows pupils to develop a new skill or hone an existing one, such as learning to play an instrument, cooking, coding, or any other skill of interest. This section promotes creativity, problem-solving, and personal growth.
4. Expedition: Pupils will work as a team to plan and undertake an outdoor expedition, building teamwork and perseverance. The expedition is a rewarding journey that requires preparation, navigation, and resilience.

The scheduled date for the Bronze Expedition is: 11-12th June 2027.
All training will be delivered in the build up to the expedition.



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Cost and Payment Details:

The total cost for participating in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award is £90, which is non-refundable. This includes the registration fees, the training of pupils, all group kit and the cost of the 2-day 1 night expedition. To secure your child's place, a £30 deposit must be paid by Friday 23rd October 2026, via Parent Pay. Please note, places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The remaining balance must be paid by Friday 26th March 2027.

Pupils eligible for free school meals will have the opportunity to be fully funded for this programme.

To complete registration, please return the consent slip to Pupil Reception by Friday 23rd October 2026.

We hope your child will take advantage of this incredible opportunity and look forward to supporting them on this exciting journey.

Should you have any questions please contact Miss Clarke Assistant Headteacher via postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely,



Mrs K Hibbs
Headteacher

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Name: _____

Form: _____

- ☐ I consent to my child participating in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award
- ☐ I have made payment on Parent Pay
- ☐ My child is eligible for Free School Meals

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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