



THE DUKE OF  
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

What is the DofE?



A group of four young men in school uniforms are sitting on a green lawn, looking at a smartphone together. The text 'YOUTH WITHOUT LIMITS' is overlaid in large, white, brush-stroke font across the center of the image.

# YOUTH WITHOUT LIMITS

# Welcome

## Parent and Carer Information and Q&A Session

DofE South East Regional Team

Mr Morris, DofE Leader, CGS

Mrs Feetham, DofE Manager, CGS



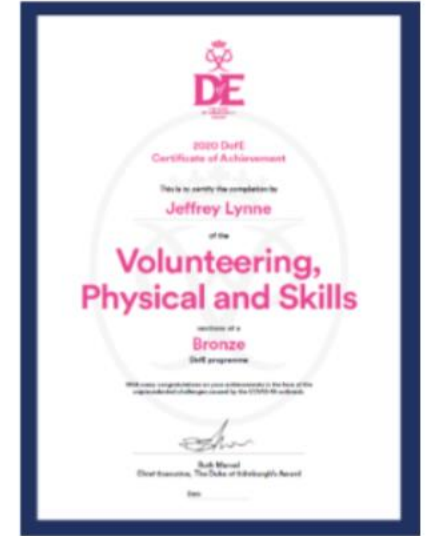
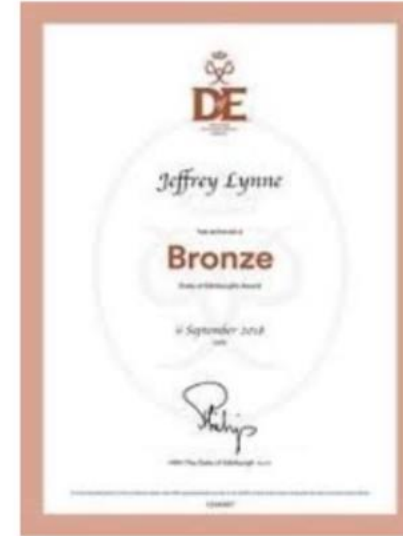
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# The DofE

## Our mission

To inspire, guide and support young people in their self-development and recognise their achievements.



## Our Guiding Principles

**Non-competitive**

**Voluntary**

**Personal development**

**Personalised**

**Balanced**

**Progressive**

**Achievement focused**

**Demand Commitment**

**Enjoyable**

**Achievable by all**

# What is involved?

BRONZE AWARD			
VOLUNTEERING	PHYSICAL	SKILLS	EXPEDITION
<b>3</b> months	<b>3</b> months	<b>3</b> months	2 days 1 night
Plus a further 3 months in either the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.			

SILVER AWARD			
VOLUNTEERING	PHYSICAL	SKILLS	EXPEDITION
<b>6</b> months	<b>6</b> OR <b>3</b> months	<b>6</b> OR <b>3</b> months	3 days 2 nights
Physical and Skills sections: one section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months			
If you didn't do BRONZE, you must do a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.			

GOLD AWARD				
VOLUNTEERING	PHYSICAL	SKILLS	EXPEDITION	RESIDENTIAL
<b>12</b> months	<b>12</b> OR <b>6</b> months	<b>12</b> OR <b>6</b> months	4 days 3 nights	5 days 4 nights
Physical and Skills sections: one section for 12 months and the other section for 6 months				
If you didn't do SILVER, you must do a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.				

# What is involved?



- There is a **huge choice** of activities that count towards a DofE programme
- Activities could be something they are already doing or completely new
- All activities must be **outside of normal school curriculum**. Lunch and after school clubs & activities can count.
- The activity should be done for **approximately an hour a week**
- **Participants need to have an assessor** for each section of the award who has expertise or knowledge in the activity, but **cannot be a relative**

# Volunteering

**It's about choosing to give time to something useful, without getting paid.**

- Raise money for a local charity
- Opportunities within the local community (local papers/Social media). Is there a community organisation or individual that needs support? e.g. Helping an elderly neighbour / litter picking / community run shop or cafe
- Skype talk / facetime / WhatsApp/ Zoom call to an elderly relative or neighbour to prevent them from feeling isolated
- Helping at school library or clubs

***\*Unfortunately volunteering at commercial businesses cannot be accepted***





# Physical



**Being active, anything that requires a sustained level of physical energy and involves doing an activity**

- Walking in the local area
- Fitness challenges
- Couch to 5k
- Online Yoga/Pilates
- YouTube fitness video
- Circuit training at home
- Individual or team sports



# Skill

**To develop practical and social skills and personal interests by developing a new skill or improving an existing one**

- Complete an online course
- Learn to play an instrument
- Coding
- Photography
- Cooking
- Sign language
- Studying religious text
- Learning first aid
- Gardening
- Magic tricks
- Research family tree
- Painting, drawing or model making
- Extra-curricular languages
- Coaching



# Expedition

Exploring the countryside and camping under the stars in small groups. During the expedition they will be unaccompanied and self-sufficient learning valuable life skills such as teamwork, leadership and resilience.

Level	Training	Duration		Minimum hours of planned activity each day
		Practice	Qualifying	
Bronze	Including.... Camp craft Map Skills, First Aid,		2 days and 1 night	At least 6 hours during the daytime
Silver	Including.... Camp craft Map Skills, First Aid,	Minimum 2 days and 2 night	3 days and 2 night	At least 7 hours during the daytime
Gold	Including.... Camp craft Map Skills, First Aid,	Minimum 2 days and 2 night	4 days and 3 night	At least 8 hours during the daytime

## DofE Expedition Kit

Get prepared for expedition season. The DofE builds great partnerships with expert kit suppliers and manufacturers so we can recommend kit suitable for DofE expeditions.

[DOWNLOAD THE DOFE EXPEDITION KIT LIST](#)

# Residential – Gold ONLY

## Working, learning and staying away\* from home for 5 days 4 nights.

It's a great opportunity to build new relationships with people you have not met before, whilst working as part of a team to achieve shared goals, staying in shared accommodation.

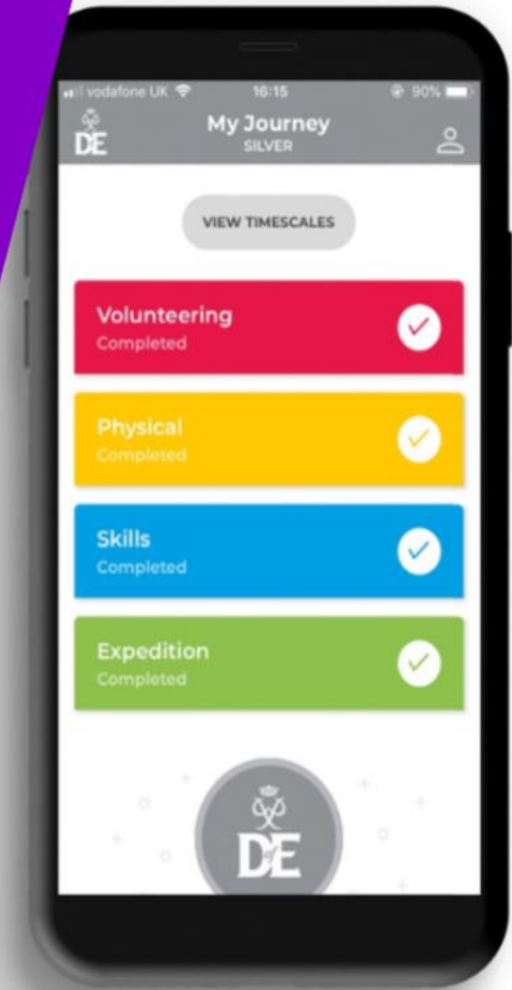
- University taster course
- Language course
- Cookery courses
- Outdoor activity centre
- Conservation projects
- Zoo Keeper course
- First Aid course
- Summer Camps

*\*flexibilities in place until end of 2022*



# Getting Started

Welcome Packs, eDofE and the DofE Card



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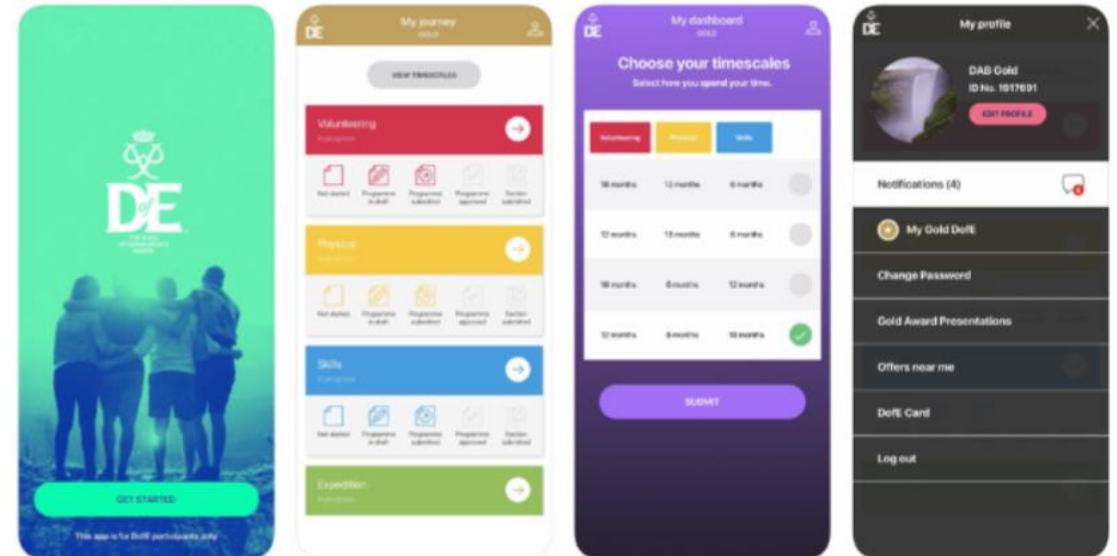
# eDofE and the Participant eDofE App

eDofE is our digital system where participants record their DofE programme and activities online, and get each section approved by a DofE Leader.

Participants can check their progress throughout their programme and submit evidence in a variety of formats.

Participants can sign into eDofE by clicking the 'eDofE login' button in the top right of any page of the website, or visit [edofe.org](https://edofe.org)

Access eDofE on the web or using the official smartphone app



# Welcome Pack

The DofE sends Welcome Packs directly to new participants' homes when they register their address on their eDofE profile.

The Welcome Packs include five main elements:

- Information for participants
- Information for parents and carers
- Participant's DofE Card
- Assessors' cards
- A guide to choosing expedition kit.

You can [download digital copies](https://www.dofe.org) of the contents of the packs on [dofe.org](https://www.dofe.org).



# DofE Rewards

## The DofE Discount Card

DofE participants receive a discount for being part of the DofE network.

It gives a discount at a number of fantastic retailers in-store and online.

Discover all DofE offers on our website [www.DofE.org](http://www.DofE.org)

## eDofE Mapping

The OS eDofE Mapping system is accessible via eDofE, allowing participants to create personalised maps

 GOoutdoors.co.uk <b>Extra 10%</b> off the GO Outdoors Discount Card price. Inspiring everyone to get outdoors, for less... and love it as much as we do.	 Blacks.co.uk <b>15%</b> off the current selling price. Includes reduced price items. Proud to be a part of your outdoor life.	 Millets.co.uk <b>15%</b> off the current selling price. Includes reduced price items. The destination for family adventure.	 Ultimateoutdoors.com <b>15%</b> off the current selling price. Includes reduced price items. The number one destination for all things outdoors.	 Tiso.com <b>15%</b> off the retail price. Scotland's leading specialist retailer for outdoor clothing, camping equipment and climbing gear.
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**Always show your DofE Card or Voucher.  
You'll get the best savings and help support young people to do their DofE.**





# Assessor Reports

WHO & HOW



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# Assessor Reports – Who

An Assessor can be anyone who is interested in helping a participant complete a section and achieve their Award, has some knowledge about it (although they don't need to be an expert!) and is available over the time you're doing their activity.

They **cannot be a family member** (to maintain the integrity and value of your Award), but they could be:

- A family friend
- Your DofE Leader
- A DofE volunteer or helper who helps with the group (your DofE Leader can help put you in touch)
- A teacher/tutor from school
- Another youth leader, if they belong to a youth club, Scouts, Cadets etc.
- Must be over 18

# Assessor Reports – How

There are two ways to submit Assessor's Reports

1. The assessor can complete the sectional Assessor's Report Card, found in a participant's Welcome Pack
2. Alternatively an assessor report can be directly uploaded into the participant's online eDofE account via [DofE.org/assessor](https://DofE.org/assessor)

The assessor will need:

- The participant's eDofE ID number.
- The participant's Award level.
- The section they are assessing them for.

The image shows two overlapping forms. The top form is a paper 'Assessor's Report Card' with the following fields: Participant: \_\_\_\_\_, eDofE ID No: \_\_\_\_\_, Level: **Bronze**, Description of activity: \_\_\_\_\_, Date started: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Completed: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (\_\_\_ months), and Goals set by participant: \_\_\_\_\_. The bottom form is a digital 'Assessor's Report' submission page. It includes a header with the DofE logo and 'ASSESSOR'S REPORT VOLUNTEERING'. Below the header is a photo of people working together. The main content area contains instructions: 'All you need is the participant's eDofE ID number, their Award level (Bronze, Silver or Gold) and the section you are assessing them for (Volunteering, Physical Skill, Expedition or Residential). Please ask the young person you have been supporting for these details. The young person must have entered their section details in eDofE before you can submit your report. Your comments automatically go to the participant's DofE Leader for approval before being added to the participant's account. We ask for your email address and phone number to enable their DofE Leader to contact you should they wish to discuss your assessment with you and so we can send you a copy of the report you submit. Thank you for supporting young people with their activities. Please read our Privacy Statement for information on how your personal information is secured. Note: If you have a problem with the CAPTCHA code, please use a different device/network/browser and this should solve the issue. If not, please contact [edofe@dofe.org](mailto:edofe@dofe.org).' There are input fields for 'Participant's ID number', 'Award level', and 'Section you are assessing'. A 'Send report' button is visible. To the right, there is a 'What to include in your Assessor's Report' section with bullet points: 'Download a checklist of the information an Award center will look for when reading your report. Please try to include as much of this information as possible in your report.', 'Please describe the achievements of the participant as they undertake this section. Say how they met their goals, what skill they have developed and mention any memorable things that they accomplished.', 'Please include the start and end date between which the young person undertook their activity.', 'Expedition Assessors: Please include your award accreditation number and (if applicable) the team's expedition notification number in your report.', and 'Download a summary of what to include in your report, and some example reports here'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_' field.

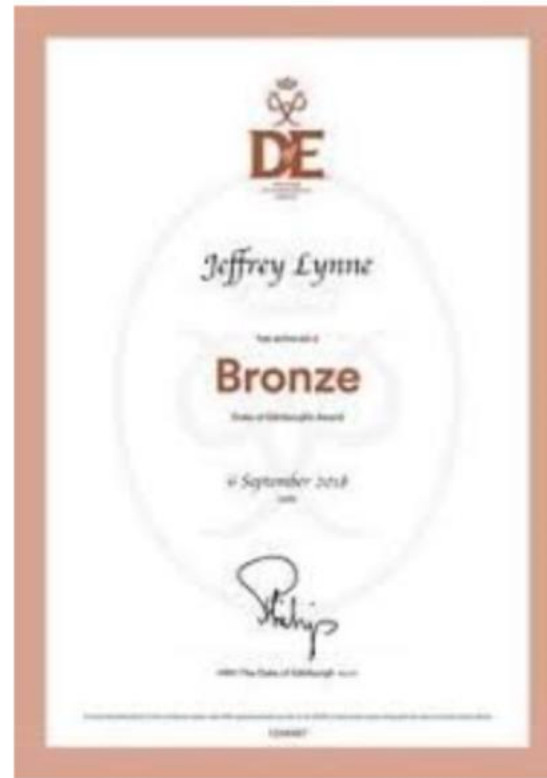
# What happens next?



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# On completion of their award....



LifeZone

Our careers hub for participants and Award holders - helping you describe the huge variety of skills and experience you've gained from doing your DofE that will make you stand out to employers, colleges and universities and that you'll be able to use in the workplace.

## Gold Award Presentations

# FAQs

- The school/LO will enrol your son/daughter onto DofE via eDofE and they will receive an email with their log in details
- Participants must complete an hour a week, if they miss a week, that's not a problem, just add it on at the end
- Participants can change activity if needed
- Assessors only need to add one report at the end of the time commitment
- Evidence can be uploaded such as pictures/ blog/recipes etc each week
- The same person can assess for each section if needed (Not a family member)
- All three sections can be run concurrently.



# The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in numbers

April 2023 - March 2024



**330,984**

Young people started their DofE journey



**4,725,825**

Total volunteering hours given by young people

**30.1%**

Of 14 year olds in the UK started their Bronze DofE

**545,910**

Young people actively doing their DofE



**£24,952,356**

Estimated total value of volunteering hours given in support of others



Awards started by young people facing marginalisation



**50,277 (15.2%)**

Experiencing poverty



**88,530 (26.7%)**

From minority ethnic backgrounds



**25,691 (7.8%)**

Have additional needs



**39,457**

Leaders and volunteers delivering DofE programmes



**4,765**

Licensed Organisations actively delivering the DofE



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Awards started



Bronze 230,245



Silver 72,192



Gold 28,547



**155,502**

Awards achieved



# How does DofE work at Cox Green School?

- **Mr Morris – DofE Leader**
- **Mrs Feetham – DofE Manager**
- **Mrs Warner – DofE Verifier**
  
- **Other staff volunteer to help on Expeditions**





# How does DofE work at Cox Green School?

- Students are able to sign up for the DofE Awards on Sunday 29 September at 7pm (first come, first served basis)
- Regular check in meeting to monitor progress

## DofE compulsory training days - 2025

- Bronze Wednesday 21 May
- Silver Wednesday 12 March
- Gold Wednesday 5 March

## Pre-expedition Information Meeting - 2025

- Bronze – Wednesday 4 June (6pm)
- Silver – Wednesday 19 March (6pm)
- Gold – Wednesday 12 March (6pm)

## Expeditions - 2025

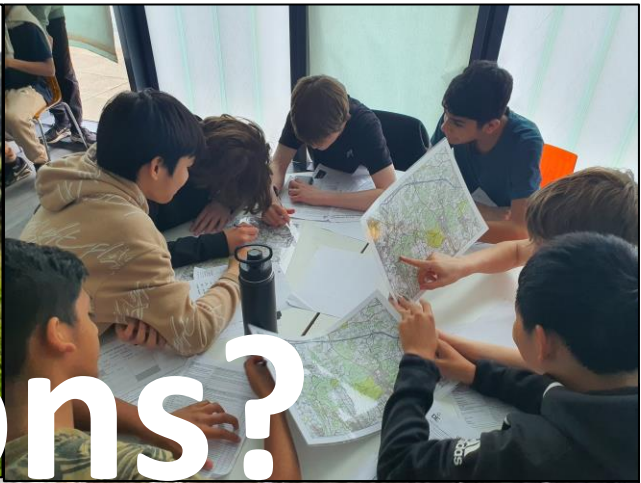
- Bronze
  - Practice Thursday 19 – Friday 20 June
  - Assessed Thursday 26 – Friday 27 June
- Silver
  - Practice Friday 25 – Sunday 27 April
  - Assessed Friday 4 – Monday 7 July
- Gold
  - Practice Friday 28 March - Tuesday 1 April
  - Assessed Friday 11 – Tuesday 15 July



# How does DofE work at Cox Green School?

- **The monies paid to the school covers the cost of registering for the Award and for undertaking the expeditions. The equipment supplied includes tents, cooking stove, gas and maps.**
- **Students will require their own personal expedition equipment, for example, waterproofs, suitable footwear, rucksack and a sleeping bag.**
- **A kit list will be provided nearer the time.**





# Any questions?

