

21st June 2023

Dear parent/carer,

Your child has been selected to participate in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) expedition trip on the 29th and 30th of June. This is a supervised, overnight expedition that involves a two day walk in the countryside and an overnight camp at Waddow Hall, Clitheroe. The school is happy to provide all essential equipment including:

- Tents
- Sleeping bag
- Roll mat
- Navigation equipment
- Walking boots

We do ask that you provide food for the duration of the stay. That would include breakfast, dinner and tea for both days. The school will provide dinner for the first day. If you have any questions do not hesitate to get in contact with s.berne@temac.co.uk.

An email has been sent to you in order to gain your consent for this trip. Please complete asap.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Berne

19/06/2023

Dear parent / carer,

I'm pleased to let you know that The East Manchester Academy offers the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) to students in year 10.

The DofE is a great chance for your child to broaden their horizons, discover new interests and talents, have fun with friends, develop essential skills for their future and achieve an internationally renowned Award.

As The East Manchester Academy's DofE Manager, I wanted to send you some information about what a DofE programme involves, the benefits for your child and how they can sign up.

About the DofE

The DofE is non-competitive and open to all young people – it's about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries. There are three levels of DofE programme which, when successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

Through their DofE, students will make friends and memories and build traits like confidence, resilience and self-esteem, which can benefit mental health. They'll gain skills and attributes for work and life, like problem-solving, team-working and self-motivation – and they'll achieve an Award that's recognised by top employers and can help them stand out when applying for uni or jobs.

To achieve their Bronze Award, participants must complete four sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical and their Expedition.

Every young person's DofE programme is personal to them – they can choose what they'd like to do for their Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections, and most activities can count. We will provide guidance and support, and students can either choose to continue an activity they already do or discover something completely new.

During and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, participants who complete their Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections will also receive a DofE Certificate of Achievement – a formal recognition, by the DofE, of their efforts at this extraordinary time.

Activities for each section take a minimum of one hour a week over a set period of time, so they can fit around studying, hobbies and social lives. For more details about programmes and timescales visit www.DofE.org/do.

About the expedition

The Expedition section involves your child working as part of a small team to plan their expedition's aim, choose a location and do some training to make sure they're fully prepared – before spending two days and one nights in the countryside.

Ahead of this, they will take part in a training day in school covering basic expedition principles and introducing them to expedition equipment.

There will also be a number of training sessions after school in which your child and their group will plan their route and prepare. Participants will only be able to do their expedition if they attend the organised training.

The expedition will take place on 29th and 30th June 2023.

eDofE and the DofE app

Participants can create their DofE programme and record their progress using eDofE, the DofE's digital system, available online at eDofE.org and through the DofE app – downloadable for free from Google Play and the App Store.

Signing up

If your child would like to take part, please respond to the text message you receive from the school asking for consent for your child to attend the expedition.

If you would like any further information in the meantime, please feel free to contact me.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to helping your child to achieve through their DofE.

Yours faithfully,

Stephen Berne

DofE Manager

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