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Duke of Edinburgh Award at Andover Community Church 2024/25 Bronze Application letter

Please note that pages 4 and 6 of this document are blank so when printed the programme and application form come out as single sided documents.

Dear Parent/Guardian

Andover Community Church as part of the Church's Youth Work in the local community, in co-ordination with Schools in the local area and Hampshire County Council, runs an open Duke of Edinburgh Award Centre.

There will be an **Open Evening on Thursday the 6th June at 7.30 pm at Andover Community Church** for parents and Bronze potential students, so that everyone can learn more about the award and what is needed to complete the award. The session will last about one hour, with a time for questions, we will take applications on the night.

Andover Community Church, Charlton Road, Andover, SP10 3JH

We have been operating as a DofE centre for 14 years we will be running in 2024/25 Bronze, Silver and Gold programs.

Bronze is for new entrants to the award.

All our leaders are volunteers are trained by Hampshire County Council (HCC) and have been through the DBS process. All our activities are checked and signed off by HCC before they take place and we operate under HCC insurance and activities licence.

Why do your Duke of Edinburgh award?

- As leaders we see young people transformed and become confident and believing in themselves
- We see the young people develop team skills that will last them a life time in all areas of their working, family and social life
- The young people leave the scheme with the skills to plan walking and camping trips anywhere in the country and be safe
- Employers see DofE on young people's CVs and know what it stands for

For Bronze you need to be 14+, minimum year 10.

We design all the programmes so that it does not impact onto the young people's exams.

The Bronze DofE programme have 4 sections, Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition.



The mode of transport will be walking for Bronze. The practice and final expeditions for Bronze will be in Hampshire.

The fees are:

Bronze £140 which covers 2 nights away, one for a 2 day practice and one for a 2 day final expedition and 5 training days local to Andover.

The fees include registration for the award and access to tents, cookers, gas, camping fees, Assessor's fees and keeping all the leaders outward bound qualifications up to date.

No one in the Andover Community Church Open Centre is paid we are all volunteers.

We do not want money to be a barrier and stop anyone from doing the award, so if money is difficult, please contact me and we will work with you to apply for grants.

The young people will be expected to provide the following:

- Ruck Sack – 60 to 70 liters, these can be loaned
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping mat
- Walking boots
- Waterproof coat and trousers
- Thermals/Fleece

- Expedition food of the young person's choice

When you apply you need to complete the application and in applying you are agreeing with the award center that you can make the published dates for weekends and practice days, we cannot send the young people for assessment if they have not completed their training.

We are running up to 8 groups at Bronze, 56 young people.

To guarantee a place I recommend you apply by filling in the attached form and returning it for the attention of Simon Mason, The Orchards, Goodworth Clatford, Andover, SP11 7RN or electronically to my email address, with a deposit of £50 and places are allocated on a first come first served basis. Could I ask you kindly to pay by electronic transfer/BACS as cash is difficult to handle and HSBC are charging for cheques even on Charity Accounts.

Account Name: Andover Baptist OBG
Sort Code: 40.08.28
Account Number: 61508695
Reference: <Name of the DofE candidate>

If you have any questions, please ring me on 07748 182 121 or e-mail me at simondofe.abc@gmail.com

Kind regards Simon Mason Award Leader.

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DofE Participant Enrolment Form

Please print clearly in CAPITALS or type your details in. You must complete all of the questions.

DofE Centre and group details (if you know them):

DofE Centre: Andover Community Church	DofE group: N/A
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DofE level:

Bronze Silver Gold (ring level of award)
Have you registered for any previous levels of the DofE? No Yes
eDofE ID number (if known) :

Personal details:

First name:	Last name:
Date of birth: / /	Primary language English Welsh Other
Email address:	

When you first sign in to eDofE you will be asked to record some personal details such as your contact details, ethnicity and personal circumstances along with details of any medical needs you may have. This data is used to enable your Leaders to support you doing your DofE programme and for the DofE's statistical and reporting purposes. You will always have a 'prefer not to say' option.

Declaration:

I agree to enrol as a participant on a DofE programme. I understand that I will be managing my programme using the online eDofE system. I acknowledge that this system has a set of terms and conditions that I agree to. These terms and conditions are available at www.eDofE.org

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Consent to enrol from parent or guardian (if applicant is under 18 years old).

I agree to my son / daughter / ward doing a DofE programme. I note that it is my responsibility to check that any activity my son / daughter / ward undertakes for their DofE programme is appropriately managed and insured, unless the activity is directly managed or organised by their DofE group, centre or Licensed Organisation.

Print Name	Signature	Date
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BRONZE AWARD PROGRAMME for 2024-2025

Version 1

AUTUMN 2024		ACTIVITY	
07-Oct	Monday	Introduction to DofE and eDofE, expectations re behaviour to leaders and fellow participants	Short break Personnel kit - what do you want on your Christmas list - Father Christmas does exist! Team forming
12-Oct	Saturday	Day walk Goodworth Clatford working in small teams on navigation, packed lunch 09:30 to 16:30 drop off and pick up in Goodworth Clatford	
21-Oct	Monday	Planning a route, using the final route as an example	Short break map symbols, map scales, contours, compass, this will be game to reinforce learning
HALF TERM Mon 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024			
09-Nov	Saturday	Day walk Collingbourne Woods working in small teams on navigation, packed lunch 09:30 to 16:30 drop off and pick up at Collingbourne Woods near Ludgershall	
11-Nov	Monday	Risks and what to do in an emergency, a set of scenarios will be set that the young people will have to solve in teams	Short break Risks and what to do in an emergency, a set of scenarios will be set that the young people will have to solve in teams
25-Nov	Monday	Menus and food	Short break Ruck sack packing and keeping things water proof
09-Dec	Monday	Night Navigation on Stockbridge Down	
16-Dec	Monday	Bronze Silver Gold cooking competition, being judged by local chef	
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS Saturday 21st December 2024 - Sunday 5th January 2025 (Term starts on the 6th Jan)			
SPRING 2025		ACTIVITY	
20-Jan	Monday	Planning for Final Exped Route Cards	Short break Planning for Final Exped Route Cards
03-Feb	Monday	Planning for Final Exped Route Cards	Short break Planning for Final Exped Route Cards
HALF TERM 17th - 21st February 2025			
03-Mar	Monday	First aide	Short break First aide
22-Mar	Saturday	Waterproof route cards for practice, put up tents, cook meal for practice evening, pack rucksacks for day walk on Sunday	
23-Mar	Sunday	Day walk with expedition rucksacks	
31-Mar	Monday	Watch videos of purpose work	Short break Plan purpose work for practice and final expedition
EASTER HOLIDAYS 5th April to 20th April 2025 (Term starts on the 21st April)			
SUMMER 2025		ACTIVITY	
12-May	Monday	Kit check for practice	Short break Kit check for practice
17-May	Saturday	Practice Expedition Hampshire	
18-May	Sunday	Practice Expedition Hampshire	
19-May	Monday	Review of Practice expedition	Short break Any changes to final
HALF TERM Monday 26th May 24 - Friday 30th May 25			
09-Jun	Monday	Kit check for final	Short break Print and waterproof route card and maps for Final
14-Jun	Saturday	Qualifying Expedition	
15-Jun	Sunday	Qualifying Expedition	
Sessions are every 2nd Monday from 6:55pm for a 19:00 start to 20:30 Please be prompt to ensure you achieve your training.			
!!! PLEASE STICK A COPY OF THIS PROGRAMME ON YOUR FRIDGE !!!			