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Dear Parent/Guardian

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Invite

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be opening applications for our Duke Of Edinburgh's Programme at TGAS – Bronze through to Gold Awards.

As you may be aware Duke of Edinburgh can be a life-changing experience which provides opportunity to discover new talents and interests. Through the DofE programme students are able to have fun, make friends, improve their self-esteem and build confidence. Student will also gain essential skills and attributes such as resilience, problem solving, teamwork, communication, and drive. The Duke of Edinburgh programme is a very prestigious award, that will enhance students CVs and is recognised by top employers, businesses, and Universities.

Before applying for the Duke of Edinburgh award please do take the time to watch the video links found below which will give you some further information on this incredible qualification. If you don't have access to these, please speak with Mr Myles (There are also information leaflets that can be collected too).

If your child would like to apply and embark on this exciting journey with the DofE Bronze Award Year 9 or Silver Award Year 10, please let Mr Myles know in person or via email and he can provide an application pack.

Please be aware that if your child is in receipt of pupil premium funding the Academy will cover 100% of the DofE Registration and DofE Expedition and Training costs. This will be in addition to the trip and discretionary funding that your child currently receives.

If you are in receipt of pupil premium funding and would like to use the funding available from the Academy-please contact Mr Myles who will be able to advise you further. You can do this by emailing office@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk.

The below links will give you more in-depth information and insight into these fantastic awards that are recognised worldwide.

DofE Welcome Video:

[theDofEUK - YouTube](#)

Parent And Carer DofE Feedback Video:

[Parents and Carers - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](#)

DofE Youth Without Limits Strategy Video Focusing on Wellbeing:

<https://youtu.be/d5AnVpUCgga>



National Teaching School
designated by
 National College for
Teaching & Leadership



National Support School
designated by
 National College
for Leadership of Schools
and Children's Services



Pupil Premium
Awards 2016
Local Winner
Secondary schools with
published KS4 results



The DofE programme consists of four sections: volunteering, skill, physical and expedition. It would be an expectation that your son/daughter works to complete all sections except the expedition section independently. Students should be aware that the DofE Bronze programme will take around 6 months to complete and the Silver will take approximately 12 months. **We expect all the volunteering, physical and skills sections of the award to be completed by 1st May 2026 in order to take part in the qualifying expedition.**

The DofE team at Tudor Grange Academy, in partnership with Rich Adventure*, will support your child in developing the skills required to complete the expedition section. Please be aware that during the expeditions students will be remotely supervised during the day. This means that students will only meet staff at agreed checkpoints throughout the day.

Students must agree to attend all meetings arranged by their DofE leader and understand that if they miss meetings their place on the scheme may be lost. This is to ensure that students have the necessary skills to take part in the expedition section of the programme. **Students must be available for the Training Expedition and the Qualifying/Assessed Expedition dates which are identified within the application packs.** Please note, these are the planned dates but may be amended as circumstances dictate. Expedition and training events will be held during weekends, but meetings and route planning events will be held either during the school day or after school.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Application Packs 2025-2026

Application packs will be available from Mr Myles, plus from the school website via The Duke Of Edinburgh's Award page. The packs will contain an attendance agreement, a letter of interest, an enrolment form and a bitesize planner (giving suggestions for activities students can select to complete the physical, volunteering and skill sections).

The submission deadline for all 4 of these documents will be Tuesday 1st July 2025. All applications should be returned to Mr Myles. If your child needs support with completing the application pack, then they are more than welcome to come and see me for advice and support in Mr Boyle's Mirzakhani Office based in Willow.

We hope your child is interested in joining the Bronze/Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme and we look forward to receiving their completed application in due course.

Yours sincerely

Miss Rollason

Miss R Rollason
Duke of Edinburgh & Educational Visits Manager

*Rich Adventure are a DofE approved activity provider. We are required to share data relating to your child with Rich Adventure in order to safely deliver the programme. Rich Adventure store data securely in line with the Data Protection Act 2018.

Submission deadline Tuesday 1st July 2025