



5th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers and Participants,

Thank you for your participation in the DofE Bronze award. We hope you are enjoying yourself so far and are we are sure you are learning a lot through your Volunteering, Physical and Skill sections as well as the training for the Expedition section.

We thought we would take this opportunity to update you on some key points regarding the DofE Bronze award at Durham Johnston.

Assessors Reports

Participants should be nearing the end of at least one of their 3-month sections. To finish the section, they should ask their Assessor to complete an Assessors report. This can be done online or using the card provided from DofE in the Welcome Pack. More information about how to do this is on the DofE - Bronze - 2023-24 Team.

Section Completion

Here is a reminder of key subject completion dates:

One section to be completed, and signed off on eDofE - 31st December 2023

All three sections to be completed and signed off on eDofE - Sunday 31st March 2024

Training Attendance

Reminder that attendance is required at all training sessions. If students miss a session due to other commitments or illness, they should let us know and arrange to catch up the session by attending another group. When participants have missed 1 session, we will email them to let them know. After 2 missed sessions, we will email them and their parent/carer. If participants miss 3 training sessions, we will ask them to defer until next year. Catch-up sessions may be offered but this is not guaranteed.

Spring Term Training

For the most part, training will continue to take place on Thursdays from 4-5pm. Participants should pay attention to notifications on the team to make sure they are up to date with any changes or cancellations. One session next term will run from 3-7pm because participants will be completing a 4-hour First Aid course. Please ensure there are no conflicting commitments for this one-off extended training. The first-aid training will take place on 11th January, 25th January, 1st Feb, or 8th February.

Expedition Walking Groups

On 4th January, in the first session next term, the participants will organise themselves into their expedition groups. Participants will then do training with their group until the expedition in the Summer. Later in the year, we may be required to change the teams if the groupings are unsuitable or group members defer their award, but we will always aim to find a solution that is the best for everyone. If participants have problems with their groups, they should talk to Miss Oldroyd or Mrs Gibb and share their concerns.

Payments

Please ensure all payments for DofE Bronze are paid promptly via ParentPay. If you experience any problems, please get in touch and we will work to resolve them. The next instalment of £50 is due on Friday 26th January 2024.

We hope you are looking forward to the next term of the Bronze DofE. The focus for next term is completing the Volunteering, Physical and Skill sections alongside learning and consolidating vital skills required for the Expedition. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Miss Oldroyd or Mrs Gibb.

Yours Sincerely

Miss Oldroyd (DofE Bronze Co-Ordinator)

Mrs Gibb (DofE Manager)