



20th October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to offer your son/daughter a chance to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award scheme run through Stanborough School.

At Stanborough School, we run a very successful Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme and many of our students have now completed the Award at Bronze level. It is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of practical, cultural and adventurous activities designed to support the personal and social development of young people aged 14-25, regardless of gender, background or ability. It offers an individual challenge and encourages people to undertake exciting, constructive, challenging and enjoyable activities in their free time. To complete the Award, participants need to be motivated, resilient, a team member, committed - all qualities wanted by a University or a future employer. That is why the Duke of Edinburgh Award looks good on CVs and University Personal Statement.

We would like to relaunch the Gold award regardless of numbers and therefore we have made the decision that we will register students on the Gold award using eDofE.org and we will signpost students to the correct locations to make decisions on where and how they would like to complete their expedition and residential. The best place to see many different opportunities with varying dates is <https://www.dofe.org/opportunity-finder/opportunity-for-dofe-participant/>

The cost of enrolment for the Gold award is a one-off registration fee £39, due by **Friday 11th November**, this will allow the students to complete the sections in their own time. Please note that this registration fee is non-refundable. Payments should be made via WisePay only, we are not able to accept cash or cheque payments. Should you require a copy of your WisePay login details, please contact the Bursar's Office via email at finance@stanborough.herts.sch.uk. The attached form is required to be completed and returned to Ms Johnson to allow registration to eDofE.

Gold Award: Students are required to complete the volunteering section for at least 12 months, the physical and skills sections are required for 12 months and then the other for 6 months and then a final 6 months to be added to any of the 3 sections. Students will also be required to complete training, practice and a qualifying expedition for the gold award, this will be 4 days and 3 nights in length. Finally, each student must also complete a residential, which is 5 days and 4 nights. The residential criteria states that it must be completed with people they have never met before, they must work with a team and work together on a shared activity.

If you require more information about the scheme, you can visit our web pages on the Stanborough website. All letters and links to presentations will be on this website. During the expedition, students are required to be independent and self-sufficient so we do not feel that we can accept any students who may misbehave or act in a dangerous manner on this scheme. In relation to this, we want to make it clear that any student who is subject to serious disciplinary action within the school will forfeit their place on the expeditions, and therefore will not be able to complete their award.

Please remember that although we will give all the assistance and guidance towards the opportunities needed to complete the scheme, gaining the Gold Award depends ultimately on the commitment of your son/daughter.

Yours faithfully

Ms D Johnson
Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator

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

DofE Centre and group details:

DofE Centre:	Stanborough School	DofE Group:	Gold 2023/24
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Personal details:

First name:				Surname:			
Date of Birth:	/	/	Age:				
E-mail:							

DofE Level:

Bronze		Silver		Gold			x
Have you registered for any previous levels of the DofE?				Yes		No	
If yes, please give the name of the DofE Centre you were registered with:				eDofE ID number (if known)			

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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Note:

Data supplied on this form and in eDofE and information about DofE activities recorded in eDofE will be used by the DofE Charity, the Licensed Organisation and DofE Centre to monitor and manage DofE participation and progress by young people and manage and support leaders.

The DofE Charity will use personal data to communicate useful and relevant information to either help participants complete a DofE programme, Leaders/LOs to run DofE programmes more effectively or help the DofE Charity to improve the quality and breadth of its programmes.

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Occasionally the DofE Charity will also send emails that contain information about the Charity, DofE negotiated privileged discounts and invites to events and other activities however if you would like to receive these emails you will need to opt in. Once you have opted-in to this you can opt out at any time by visiting www.dofe.org/preferences, or clicking the unsubscribe link that can be found at the bottom of all non-programme related email.

For Centre administration only:

Date registered on eDofE		Expected start date			
eDofE Username		eDofE User ID number			
Participant fee received		Yes		No	

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