

Stanborough



Mathematics & Computing Academy

Headteacher: Mrs M John



3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to offer your son/daughter a chance to apply for a place to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award scheme run at 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 and Gold 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.

To apply for a place on the scheme, the students are required to return the slip at the foot of this letter completed by parents and the DofE application form. Please note that there is a maximum number of students who can be taken onto the scheme. If this number is exceeded, we will interview students where necessary to assess their suitability for the scheme.

The price of the scheme comprises a one-off registration fee and the cost of the expedition.

Therefore, in order to begin the award at Stanborough School we require the one-off registration fee of £35 due by **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July** and the application form, this will allow the students to complete the three sections in their own time. Please note that this registration fee is non-refundable. **Payments should be made via Arbor** only, we are not able to accept cash or cheque payments. If you have forgotten your password, please select the forgotten password link or contact [itsupport@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:itsupport@stanborough.herts.sch.uk).

**Walking expedition:** the programme includes a day training at Stanborough School and one qualifying expedition, renting specialist equipment and insurance. The total cost to be awarded the Bronze Award will be approximately £75 – £85 (depending on numbers), which includes all expedition costs, and registration fees collected at the start of the award. (Please note students will have to provide their own suitable outdoor clothing and suitable footwear, the school will provide stoves and gas for cooking and tents, the school has some equipment that is available for rent at a small cost). This type of expedition is great for the students to gain map reading and navigation skills.

**Dates:** Duke of Edinburgh training, including navigation training, after school several times throughout the year and on a **Saturday in May**, (provisionally **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**) these are a compulsory requirement before the expedition.

Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition **on June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 2025** (dates to be confirmed)

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

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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 opportunities needed to complete the scheme, gaining the Bronze Award depends ultimately on the commitment of your son/daughter. We also require that at least one section be completed before the expedition date.

Yours faithfully,



Mr R Collinson  
Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator

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**BOOKING FORM: BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD 2024-2025**



To book a place, please complete the form below and return it to Mr Collinson and ensure the £35 registration fee is paid via Arbor payments by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Student: ..... Tutor group: .....

I am willing for my child to participate in the Bronze section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and to meet all the costs outlined in this letter when required. I understand that if my son/daughter withdraws from the scheme or is withdrawn due to poor behaviour, that I will lose all payments made on the student's behalf.

I also understand that an Award can only be gained if he/she shows persistence and reliability and that the school will not be able to help those who do not demonstrate such attributes.

Signed: ..... (Parent/Carer) Date: .....

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Please take time to look at the website on the letter and also use [www.dofe.org/sections](http://www.dofe.org/sections) to consider what you may take as your activity. The activities chosen in the application form can change before beginning the award however this shows commitment to the process and the award which is required throughout.

**Volunteering**

Activity chosen:

Where are you going to do it?

What are your goals? What do you want to achieve?

**Skills**

Activity chosen:

Where are you going to do it?

What are your goals? What do you want to achieve?

**Physical**

Activity chosen:

Where are you going to do it?

What are your goals? What do you want to achieve?

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**Why you would like to complete the Duke of Edinburgh award?**

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