



# ULVERSTON VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL



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31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Dear Year 10 Parent/Carer,

## RE: The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award at UVHS 2025-2026

We are very pleased to be able to invite current Year 10 students to take part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme at UVHS. The Bronze award has four sections: volunteering, physical, skills and expedition. Students must do a minimum of three months activity for each section, plus a further three months in either the volunteering, physical or skills section:

Volunteering	Physical	Skill	Expedition
3 months (1 hour / week)	3 months (1 hour / week)	3 months (1 hour / week)	<b>Practice expedition:</b> Day walk and camp.
Plus, a further 3 months in either the volunteering, physical or skills section.			<b>Assessed expedition:</b> 2-day expedition with overnight camp.

Students must sort what they do for the volunteering, physical and skill sections independently, although we can give advice on what kinds of activities would be acceptable. The DofE website is also full of useful information about acceptable activities for each section, this can be found at: <https://www.dofe.org/do/sections/>. Students will need to log evidence of their progress on each of these sections on their eDofE account, which will be set up for them once they are enrolled onto the programme.

Please note that unfortunately due to staffing constraints, spaces on UVHS expeditions are limited to 50 students. Therefore, to be able to go on the expeditions students must commit to attending all our training sessions, and they must show progress on their sections before being allowed onto the expeditions. If the expeditions are still oversubscribed, a ballot will take place. Details of other organisations offering Bronze DofE expeditions will be provided to students in the case that they are unsuccessful in obtaining a place with UVHS.

We train students up to be capable of completing the two-day assessed expedition. This is covered in the DofE sessions after school, and we intend to offer training sessions to cover skills including route planning, navigation, camp craft, expedition food, equipment, emergency procedures, first aid, and a session on eDofE. Students will be split into two groups to complete the training sessions, and these sessions will take place on a Monday and Wednesday after school (3:30pm-4:30pm). Training sessions will take place following the Easter holidays.

Students will then be given the opportunity to go on two expeditions, a one-day practice walk and camp, and a two-day assessed expedition. The outline of the planned expeditions are as follows:



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1. **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025** – Practice one day expedition and overnight camp from school to Birch Bank campsite via the Cumbrian Way.
2. **October 2025 (Dates TBC)** – Two day assessed expedition in the Langdales.

The total cost of completing the DofE award at UVHS is £150. This money covers the cost of the DofE licence, enrolment and admin fee, campsite and equipment fees, and diesel and minibuss costs (which we take on expeditions to monitor groups). In addition, a £50 deposit is also needed as UVHS will provide all camping equipment like tents and stoves. If there is no damage to the equipment, then the deposit will be refunded.

## Payment Schedule (Total cost £200, including £50 refundable equipment deposit):

**£50 initial deposit by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**£50 by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**£50 by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

**£50 by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

To register interest in the Bronze DofE programme at UVHS please fill in the attached enrolment form and bring a paper copy to Mr Reader by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**. Please also pay the initial deposit of £50, which you can pay on your ParentPay account.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr T Reader**

Associate Assistant Headteacher

The Bronze DofE Award Coordinator

