



Duke of Edinburgh Award: Pupil and Parent Information Session 23rd November 2022

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Overview

Why are we offering the Duke of Edinburgh programme?

What is the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme?

What is expected of me?

What are the next steps if I want to be involved?

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Our vision at Largs Academy is a whole school community based on...

Building Strong Relationships

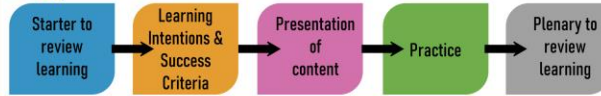
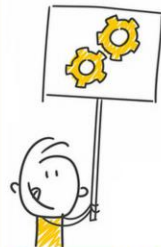
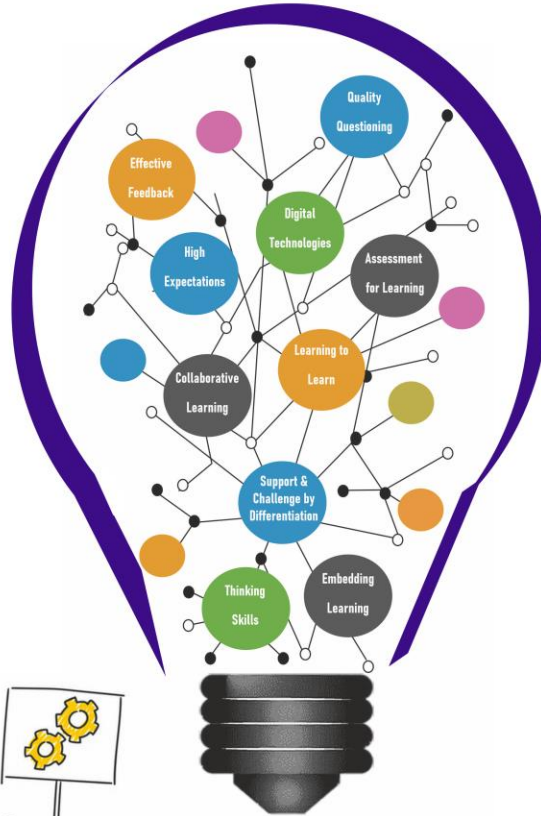
- 1. Arrive on time.
- 2. Ready to learn.
- 3. Wearing school uniform.
- 1. Be honest.
- 2. Do your best.
- 3. Allow others to do their best.



- 1. Be kind.
- 2. Care for our school environment.
- 3. Make everyone feel accepted.



High Quality Learning + Teaching



Developing Skills for Life + Work



Underpinned by our school values of...

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Largs Academy

**Duke of
Edinburgh's
Award**

What is the DofE?

- Internationally recognised Award (130 countries/territories)
- Voluntary
- Three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold
- Four sections (five at Gold): Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition (Residential at Gold)
- Achievable by all aged 14-25
- Recognised by colleges, universities and future employers



DofE Sections and Timescales

Sections \ Levels	Volunteering	Skills	Physical	Expedition	Residential
Bronze	3 or 6 months	3 or 6 months	3 or 6 months	2 days, 1 night	n/a
(Bronze: One section at 6 months and other 2 at 3 months)					
Silver	6 months	3 or 6 months	3 or 6 months	3 days, 2 nights	n/a
(Silver: Vol must be 6 months, Phys & Skills = One for 6 and one for 3 months) Direct entrant? 6 months added to Vol or longer of Phys/Skill sections to create 1x 12 month section					
Gold	12 months	6 or 12 months	6 or 12 months	4 days, 3 nights	Minimum 5 days, 4 nights away
(Gold: Vol must be 12 months, Phys & Skills = One for 12 and one for 6 months) Direct entrant? 6 months added to Vol or longer of Phys/Skill sections to create 1x 18 month section					

Bronze Award

- **Volunteering**

Helping people in need or helping in local community
(e.g. litter picking, coaching children in sport, youth council)

- **Skills**

Take up a new skill or get better at an existing one
(e.g. learning a musical instrument, arts, crafts, drama, life skills, cooking, baking)

- **Physical**

Become physically active in an existing activity or take up a new physical activity
(e.g. football, dancing, gym, cycling, running)

- **Expedition**

Undertake a remotely-supervised, self-sufficient adventurous journey for 2 full days with 1 night wild camping

dofe.org/do/ideas

**** Minimum 1hr per week for Volunteering, Physical & Skills sections ****



Silver Award

(Longer timescales than Bronze...)

- **Volunteering section: 6 months**
- **Physical and Skills sections: One section for 6 months and other section for 3 months**
- **At least 1hr per week for each sectional activity**
- **Expedition section: 3 days journeying, 2 nights camping**
- **7hrs of activity per day on each expedition day**



Gold Award

(Longer timescales than Bronze and Silver, with an added section...)

- **Volunteering section: 12 months**
- **Physical and Skills sections: One section for 12 months and other sections for 6 months**
- **At least 1hr per week for each sectional activity**
- **Residential section: 5 days, 4 nights on an activity where you do not know other attendees**
- **Expedition section: 4 days journeying, 3 nights camping**
- **8hrs of activity per day on each expedition day**



Statistics

- 500,000 participants taking part in DofE across UK
- 30.5% of 14yr olds in UK currently enrolled in Bronze Award
- 2022 in North Ayrshire so far:
 - 10 secondary schools in North Ayrshire deliver DofE
 - 800+ DofE participants across authority
 - 110 full Awards achieved
 - 300 new Awards started

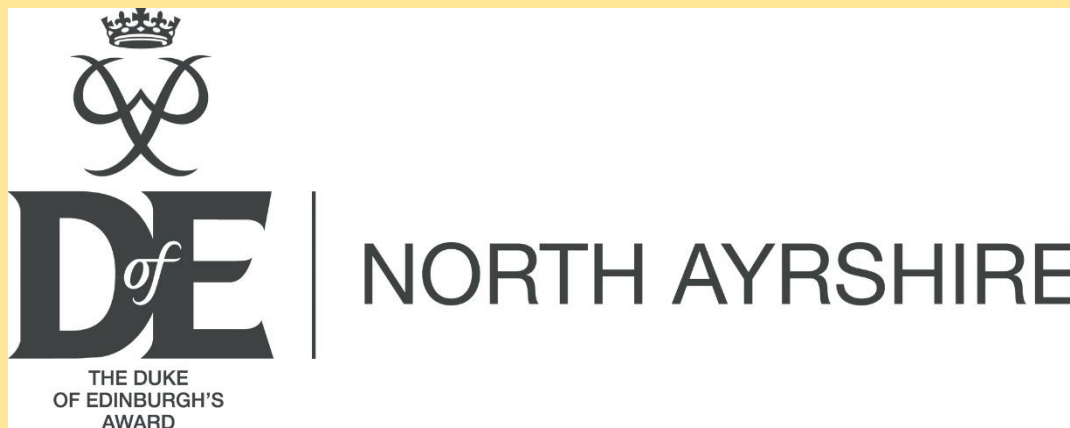
Why do DofE?

- **Mind:** Learn new skills or improve existing skills
- **Body:** Improve physical and mental health
- **Soul:** Help people in need
- Prepare for life and work
- Meet new friends
- Improve teamwork and communication skills
- Visit amazing outdoor locations
- Improve CV; Completion of Award(s) helps with college, university or job applications



Thank You!

Any
Questions?



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Next Steps

1. Think carefully if you want to commit to the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Largs Academy. This is not just an overnight camping trip!
2. If so, complete the following form (<http://largsacademy.com/>) and return to the school office with £24 (cash or cheque payable to Largs Academy) by Friday, 9th December. **If payment is a barrier then return the completed form.**
3. By end of term we will meet with pupils to run a short introductory session and share our timeline for January – June expedition(s) with pupils and parents.

Parent Supporters

Kayreen Dailly

Ewen McNeice

Calum McNicol

Rob and Sophie Farnell

Tracey Turnbull

Lesley Richardson

Zoe Smith

We will rely on a pool of trained staff and parents to support the running of the programme and pupil expeditions. Please email me: gw20dohertyjohn@glow.sch.uk if you want to catch up about how you can support.

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