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## Duke of Edinburgh Award at Andover Baptist Church 2023/24 Bronze Application letter

*Please note that pages 4 and 6 of this document are blank so when printed the programme and application form come out as single sided documents.*

Dear Parent/Guardian

Andover Baptist Church as part of it's Youth Work in the local community, in co-ordination with Schools in the local area and Hampshire County Council runs an open Duke of Edinburgh Award Centre.

Our plan is to run an **Open Evening on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm at Andover Baptist Church** for parents and Bronze potential students, so that everyone can learn more about the award and what is needed to complete the award. The session will last about one hour, with a time for questions, we will take applications on the night.

We have been operating as a DofE centre for 13 years we will be running in 2023/24 Bronze, Silver and Gold programs.

Bronze is for new entrants to the award.

All our leaders are volunteers are trained by Hampshire County Council (HCC) and have been through the DBS process. All our activities are checked and signed off by HCC before they take place and we operate under HCC insurance and activities licence.

Why do your Duke of Edinburgh award?

- As leaders we see young people transformed and become confident and believing in themselves
- We see the young people develop team skills that will last them a life time in all areas of their working, family and social life
- The young people leave the scheme with the skills to plan walking and camping trips anywhere in the country and be safe
- Employers see DofE on young people's CVs and know what it stands for

For Bronze you need to be 14+, minimum year 10.

We design all the programmes so that it does not impact onto the young people's exams.

The Bronze DofE programme have 4 sections, Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition.



The mode of transport will be walking for Bronze. The practice and final expeditions for Bronze will be in Hampshire.

The fees are:

Bronze £120 which covers 2 nights away, one for a 2 day practice and one for a 2 day final expedition and 5 training days local to Andover.

The fees include registration for the award and access to tents, cookers, gas, camping fees, Assessor's fees and keeping all the leaders outward bound qualifications up to date.

No one in the Andover Baptist Church Open Centre is paid we are all volunteers.

We do not want money to be a barrier and stop anyone from doing the award, so if money is difficult, please contact me and we will work with you to apply for grants.

The young people will be expected to provide the following:

- Ruck Sack – 60 to 70 liters, these can be loaned
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping mat
- Walking boots
- Waterproof coat and trousers
- Thermals/Fleece
- Expedition food of the young person's choice

When you apply you need to complete the application and in applying you are agreeing with the award center that you can make the published dates for weekends and practice days, we cannot send the young people for assessment if they have not completed their training.

We are running up to 8 groups at Bronze, 56 young people.

To guarantee a place I recommend you apply by filling in the attached form and returning it for the attention of Simon Mason, The Orchards, Goodworth Clatford, Andover, SP11 7RN or electronically to my email address, with a deposit of £50 and places are allocated on a first come first served basis. Could I ask you kindly to pay by electronic transfer/BACS as cash is difficult to handle and HSBC are charging for cheques even on Charity Accounts.

Account Name:            Andover Baptist OBG  
Sort Code:                40.08.28  
Account Number:        61508695  
Reference:                <Name of the DofE candidate>

If you have any questions, please ring me on 07748 182 121 or e-mail me at [simondofe.abc@gmail.com](mailto:simondofe.abc@gmail.com)

Kind regards Simon Mason Award Leader.



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## DofE Participant Enrolment Form

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

### DofE Centre and group details (if you know them):

DofE Centre: Andover Baptist Church	DofE group: N/A
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### DofE level:

Bronze Silver Gold (ring level of award)
Have you registered for any previous levels of the DofE? No Yes
eDofE ID number (if known) :

### Personal details:

First name:	Last name:
Date of birth: / /	Primary language English Welsh Other
Email address:	

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](http://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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## BRONZE AWARD PROGRAMME for 2023-2024

Version 1 29th March 23

AUTUMN 2023		ACTIVITY	
02-Oct	Monday	Introduction to DofE and eDofE, expectations re behaviour to leaders and fellow participants	Short break Personnel kit - what do you want on your Christmas list - Father Christmas does exist! Get young people to fill in form in pairs or threes and start
07-Oct	Saturday	Day walk Goodworth Clatford working in small teams on navigation, packed lunch 09:30 to 16:30 drop off and pick up in Goodworth Clatford	
16-Oct	Monday	Planning a route, using the practice route as an example	Short break map symbols, map scales, contours, compass, this will be game based to reinforce learning
<b>HALF TERM Mon 23rd October - Friday 27th October 2023</b>			
06-Nov	Monday	Risks and what to do in an emergency, a set of scenarios will be set that the young people will have to solve in teams	Short break Risks and what to do in an emergency, a set of scenarios will be set that the young people will have to solve in teams
11-Nov	Saturday	Day walk Collingbourne Woods working in small teams on navigation, packed lunch 09:30 to 16:30 drop off and pick up at Collingbourne Woods near Ludgershall	
20-Nov	Monday	Menus and food	Short break Ruck sack packing and keeping things water proof
04-Dec	Monday	Night Navigation on Stockbridge Down	
11-Dec	Monday	Bronze Silver Gold cooking competition, being judged by local chef	
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS Saturday 16th December 2023 - Monday 1st January 2024 (Term starts on the 2nd)</b>			
SPRING 2024		ACTIVITY	
08-Jan	Monday	Planning for Practice Exped Route Cards	Short break Planning for Practice Exped Route Cards
22-Jan	Monday	Planning for Practice Exped Route Cards	Short break Planning for Practice Exped Route Cards
05-Feb	Monday	First Aide young people rotate between 8 scenarios	Short break First Aide young people rotate between 8 scenarios
<b>HALF TERM 21st - 25th February 2022</b>			
26-Feb	Monday	Final look at Practice Exped Route Cards ready for printing	Short break Ruck sack adjustment and buddy lifting
09-Mar	Saturday	Waterproof route cards for practice, put up tents, cook meal for practice evening, pack rucksacks for Inkpen	
10-Mar	Sunday	Inkpen day walk	
25-Mar	Monday	Watch videos of purpose work	Short break Plan purpose work for practice and final expedition
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS 29th March to 12th April 2024</b>			
SUMMER 2024		ACTIVITY	
13-May	Monday	Kit check for practice	Short break Kit check for practice
18-May	Saturday	Practice Expedition Hampshire	
19-May	Sunday	Practice Expedition Hampshire	
<b>HALF TERM Monday 27th May 24 - Friday 31st May 24</b>			
03-Jun	Monday	Review of Practice expedition and agree routes and distances for Qualifying Expedition	Short break Plan Qualifying Expedition
17-Jun	Monday	Kit check for final	Short break Kit check for final
22-Jun	Saturday	Qualifying Expedition	
23-Jun	Sunday	Qualifying Expedition	
18-Jul	Thursday	Individual team presentations to Leaders & return kit	
<b>Sessions are every 2nd Monday from 6:55pm for a 19:00 start to 8:30pm. Please be prompt to ensure you achieve your training.</b>			
<b>!!! PLEASE STICK A COPY OF THIS PROGRAMME ON YOUR FRIDGE !!!</b>			