Aylsham High School

Part of the Aylsham Learning Federation
It takes a Whole Community to Educate a Child

Dear Parent/Carer November 2026

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Your child has expressed an interest in completing their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award at AHS.

To complete this award your child will need to complete an overnight expedition which is completed as a team and an individual programme of activities in the following 3 sections. From the date they enrol they must complete the award within the year.

1. **Volunteering**: This is usually for 6 months and students can complete this section in school by supporting the school's musical production if needed.
2. **Physical**: Students will need to learn a new sport or physical activity, usually for 3 months.
3. **Skill**: Students will need to learn a new skill for example to learn to play a musical instrument, to improve their cooking skills or even learn to tap dance.

The above three sections are completed via their online e D of E at www.dofe.org. They will be provided with a username and password once the joining fee of £33.00 is paid via ParentPay.

The expedition section is going to take place on the following dates:

Friday 30 April and Saturday 1 May 2027

Friday 2 July and Saturday 3 July 2027

The expedition will leave from Aylsham High School at 7.30am on Friday 30 April or Friday 2 July (from the school car park situated at the back of the school accessed via the Bure Meadows development). Students will be supervised by school staff and volunteers who have all been DBS checked. We will ensure all groups are checked at timed checkpoints to ensure their safety as they walk to the campsite which will be Deers Glade Campsite, white Post Road, NR11 7HN. Students will need to be collected on Saturday 1 May or Saturday 3 July from Aylsham High School rear car park at approximately **3.00pm after their debrief** (please be patient as the debrief might be a few minutes after the students arrive back at AHS).

In preparation for their expedition your child will need to attend after school training sessions. The training sessions will cover first aid, cooking on Trangia stoves, country walking and kit bag checks. If your child needs any kit such as rucksacks, tents or Trangia stoves your child can see me before the expeditions and arrange for them to borrow these items from the school.

Please be advised that all groups will be issued with an emergency school mobile. This is only to be used in emergencies. No personal mobiles will be allowed to be taken on the expedition by students. If your child is found to have a mobile phone with them, they may be asked to leave the expedition.

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Executive Headteacher: Mr D Spalding B.A. (Hons) M.Ed. (Cantab)
Deputy Headteachers: Mr C Bridge B.Sc. (Hons), Mr P Brockington B.Sc. (Hons) M.A., Mrs K Garnham B.A. (Hons) M.A.
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The total cost for your child to take part is **£67.00** which is broken down to a joining fee of £33.00 for their paperwork and £34.00 for the expedition. In order to secure your child's place please pay the joining fee of £33.00 by ParentPay. The payment of £34.00 for the expedition in April/May should be paid by Friday 5 February 2027. The payment of £34.00 for the expedition in July should be paid by Friday 21 May 2027.

If you need any assistance with ParentPay, please contact the finance team on ext. 153/107 or by email at finance@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk.

The attached expedition availability form should be returned to Mrs Wiseman in *room 38 on Tuesday or Thursday*.

I would be grateful if both yourself and your child would sign the attached form agreeing to support and complete all sections of the programme to complete this inspiring award.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on extension 126 or by email at twiseman@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Tanya Wiseman

Duke of Edinburgh Manager

Please return this form to Mrs Wiseman in room 38 on Tuesday or Thursday

Student name: _____ Tutor group: _____

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

(Expedition dates):

Friday 30 April to Saturday 1 May 2027 or Friday 2 July to Saturday 3 July 2027)

We confirm that we have read and understood the letter regarding the elements which will need to be completed in order to be awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

We have made a note of the date of the expedition and understand that if the expedition or the online e D of E is not completed then I/my child will not receive the bronze award.

We understand that students will not be permitted to bring personal mobile phones with them, and that any student found to have a phone with them may be asked to leave the expedition.

Please tick:

Elements of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award understood [ ]

Your child will only need to complete one of the dates, <u>not both</u>. Please tick 1 choice

Dates of the expedition has been noted. I/We have selected one date [ ]

Friday 30 April to Saturday 1 May 2027 [ ]

Or

Friday 2 July to Saturday 3 July 202 7 [ ]

We understand that no personal mobile phone is allowed on the expedition [ ]

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Carer name: _____

Parent/Carer signature: _____

Date: _____