

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a nationally recognised qualification which gives young people aged 14-25 the opportunity to develop their skills and become more independent.

At SAA we run the award successfully at Bronze level. It is available to all Year 9 students as part of the Enrichment programme. We are also hoping to run Silver level with students in Years 10-11. The Award is run by Mr Fishman (afishman@saa.woodard.co.uk) in partnership with Kent County Council.

The Bronze award takes around 6-12 months to complete. This involves completing four separate sections for a period of at least 3 months (a minimum of 1 hour per week):

- a skill (such as playing a musical instrument, learning first aid);
- a physical activity (for example dancing or martial arts, team or individual sports);
- take part in volunteering opportunities in the local community (e.g. helping a local youth group or working in a charity shop);
- planning and undertaking a two-day expedition with an overnight camp in teams of between 4 and 7 people – to take place over two weekends in terms 5-6.

Whatever level you achieve, this is a fantastic addition to CVs, and is seen very favourably by colleges, universities and employers.

The DofE website – www.dofe.org – has a huge amount of useful information about the award and what activities to do for the different sections.

Students also have access to an online area where they should log the progress of their award and upload evidence – www.edofe.org

The cost to enrol on the Award and for expeditions is £70.00 (2017-2018) – this covers admin costs by KCC, insurance, training resources and expedition fees (such as campsite fees and additional insurance).

If you are interested in joining the Award, please contact Mr Fishman at the school for more information and an enrolment form.