



Shropshire
Gateway
Educational Trust

Lacon Childe School

...more than just a school

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4th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Your child has an opportunity to complete the Bronze Section of the DofE Award Scheme at Lacon Childe School. We have run this award at the school for several years and it presents a fantastic chance for young people to discover fresh interests and make new friends, whilst providing service to others.

The Bronze Award requires commitment and dedication, and is achieved by completing a personal programme of activities in the following four sections:

- Volunteering – helping someone, the community or environment.
- Physical – becoming fitter through sport, dance or fitness activities.
- Skills – developing existing talents or trying something new.
- Expedition – planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey.

Students must complete a minimum of three months activity (on average one hour per week in their own time) for each of the volunteering, physical and skills sections. They must then choose one of these sections to take forward for an additional three months to make six months in total. We expect the two, three months, sections to be completed by the expedition however, the six-month section can extend this.

Your child will also have to plan, train for and carry out a two-day (one night) practice and qualifying expedition. This will also involve an after-school session once a week during the summer term. Dates for all of these will be confirmed asap.

The fee for participation in the award will be **£80** and payment methods are detailed below. This fee is heavily subsidised by us and covers the compulsory Duke of Edinburgh enrolment and administration fees, transport, campsite and expedition costs (use of school tents, rucksacks, cooking stoves and fuel). As we are subsidising part of the cost, we are unable to refund any payments, once made, due to your child deciding to not complete any part of the award.

If you would like your child to enrol, an initial deposit of **£30** will be required to be paid by **9.00 am on Friday 31st January 2025**, after which a Participant Enrolment Form will be given to confirm your child's place. This must then be returned to school as quickly as possible so that your child can be allocated their 'DofE' account. The final payment of **£50** is required by **9.00 am 21st March 2025**.

On-line Payments - This is now available to all parents/carers who have registered with Arbour and is available to pay in the shop section. Sending payment for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award is considered confirmation of your consent for your child's participation.

When considering your child's participation, please bear in mind that this is a national award for completing FOUR different types of activity. The expedition should be the culmination of the award for your child, and to participate in the expedition, completion of at least TWO sections will be required.

For further information about the DofE, have a look on the DofE website: www.dofe.org. If you have further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, by email in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

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