



ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Dear Year, Nine Students and Parents,

Here at St Thomas More School, we are fortunate to have a dedicated group of adults who volunteer their time freely so that the D of E award can be run.

With their support, once again, I will be running a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh group in school next year for a maximum of 21-year ten students.

The DofE group runs as an after-school club after school on a Tuesday **from 15.15hrs – 16.30hrs** from September to July with the occasional session running till 17.30hrs. During these sessions, we will cover important topics, including map and compass work, countryside safety, camp catering, the safe use of stoves, how to pitch a tent and first aid. For the safety of all, pupils must attend all sessions as there is no opportunity to re-run the training.

As part of the training, there will be a two-day, one-night training expedition prior to the qualifying expedition. If you do not complete the training expedition, you will not be able to take part in the qualifying expedition, which is also over two days and one night. The training expedition is in April, and the qualifying expedition is in June or July. Dates will be confirmed by Christmas.

If you do not attend all the training sessions, or your behaviour during the training sessions is not acceptable you will not be able to take part in the expeditions, and there will be no refund. This is for the safety of all.

As well as the expeditions, you will need to complete 3 other sections: volunteering, skill, and physical recreation. These must be completed in your own time (not during school hours) each one for a minimum of one hour per week with two being for 3 months and one for 6 months.

If you think you are the sort of person who is committed, organised, and up for a challenge, please complete the attached form and return it to **Mrs. Musgrove no later than 9 am Friday 13th June**. If there are more than 21 pupils who wish to take part, pupils will be selected from their submitted application form, from an interview or names may be put in a hat.

If you are offered a place, a deposit of £45.00 will need to be paid by Friday 4th July 2025 and the remaining £100.00 needs to be paid by Friday 5th September 2025, this includes registration, the two expeditions, and training materials (once you have paid, if you drop out for any reason there will be no refund).

For the practice walk and expeditions, you will also need to ensure you have the correct personal kit/equipment see www.dofeshopping.org/expedition-kit/expedition-kit-list for details.

To find out more visit the D of E website [at www.dofe.org/do-your-dofe/](http://www.dofe.org/do-your-dofe/) or come and find me in the science labs / phone me at 0129823167 or email lmusgrove@stm.srscmat.co.uk

Thanks

Lesley Musgrove D of E Award Coordinator.



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Application form

Name _____ Form _____

As well as the expeditions you also have to complete three other sections (volunteering, skills & physical) two of which you need to do for a minimum of 3 months and 1 for a minimum of 6 months, during this time you need to do each section for a minimum of 1 hour per week, in your own time (not during school hours).

Write down below what you would do for each section, **(Please check on the D of E website to make sure that what you would like to do is valid for that section).**

www.dofe.info/en/content/cms/doing-your-dofe/activities-sections/

Volunteering: _____

Skills: _____

Physical activity: _____

Now tell me why I should pick you. What qualities do you have? do you get on well with others, work well in a team, do you walk regularly, are you good at cooking, first aid etc or do you just fancy a challenge?

Parent signature:

Remember forms must be handed **directly to Mrs Musgrove** by **9am Friday 13th June** to be considered for a place.