

Langley Park School for Boys



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Silver Duke of Edinburgh award

The Duke of Edinburgh's award is a national charity that gives young people aged 13-24 the chance to develop skills for life and work, fulfil their potential and have a brighter future.

The award is a personalised program of activities in four sections – Volunteering, Physical fitness, Skills and Expedition. The award encourages young people to help the community, get fitter, develop skills and independently plan and prepare for a challenging expedition.

Participants will be challenged to try new things and to discover talents they may not have known they have. As well as being lots of fun, achieving the award will give students the skills, confidence and a view on life that, Colleges, Universities and Employers are looking for.

Key Information

Expedition dates

The expedition dates are:

Training day: 31 January

Practice: 8 to 10 May

Assessed: 3 to 5 July

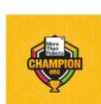
These dates are non-negotiable and are the only available dates due to an exceptionally busy school calendar. Every effort has been made to avoid as many clashes as possible, but please be mindful that other sporting, musical or other trips and events are likely to take place on these dates. The expectation is that the D of E takes priority of these, as attendance is mandatory to pass the award.

Please make sure your child is available for these dates prior to signing up.

Remote supervision will be used during the entire expedition sections as the participant will be walking their routes in small DofE groups and will be met at regular intervals by staff at pre-arranged check points.

I would encourage you and your child to visit the official DofE website (www.dofe.org). If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact via email.

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Costs

The cost to for a student to enrol onto the DofE award at the school is £423, which includes:

This includes:

- Signup fee (non-refundable)
- Licencing fee
- All major equipment hires e.g. cooking equipment, tents, bags, first aid.
- Pre-expedition training
- Practice expedition
- Assessed expedition
- Fully qualified staff and assessors

Next steps

To secure a place please make sure the following forms and payment are completed and submitted:

1. Click [here](#) to complete the form for the school trip and the D of E.
2. Make the first payment of £60 needs to be made (this is due to non-refundable costs given to the D of E, and the annual D of E licence fee)

Payment should only be made online by MCAS, using the same log in details as you use to access the communications platform that was rolled out in January 2025. If the username/password has been forgotten this can be obtained by logging into MCAS and requesting password reset.

You will find the option to pay for this trip in Trips section on MCAS '**DoE Silver 2025/26**'. Once you have accepted a place on the trip you can access any future payments in the outstanding payments tile on the desktop or, if using the app under the outstanding payments tile, and then 'instalments' tab.

There are two additional payments on MCAS for this trip. You can pay the instalments or in advance.

Please note that if your child is eligible for Free School Meals or Pupil Premium, you may be able to access financial support for this trip / visit / resource. Please contact TButterworth@lpsb.org.uk for further information. Please also note that if you will struggle to make the payment in full, please contact trips@LPSB.org.uk and we will be able to set up alternative payment options.

Please note that if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, was previously eligible for Pupil Premium, or if you are experiencing financial hardship, you may be able to access financial support for this trip / visit / resource through the 16-19 Bursary. Please contact Ms Dell at adell@lpsb.org.uk for further information.

The deadline submitting the forms and making the first non-refundable payment 10/10/25. After this date it is unlikely that we will be able to give you a space due to number commitments with our external provider. The second payment of £181.50 is due 30/11/26 the third payment £181.50 09/02/26.

Kind regards

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