



Participant Enrolment Letter – Year 9 Bronze 2025/26

Dear Pupil / Parent,

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. As a Directly Licenced Centre, Prince Henry's is one of a handful of schools nationally who are able to provide the Duke of Edinburgh's award independently.

The award offers pupils a varied and exciting challenge. It is not a competitive award, but it does involve making a regular commitment. As I am sure you are aware, the award is highly regarded by employers and higher education providers.

The award is split into 3 levels, Bronze, Silver & Gold. At Bronze level, the award is divided into four sections, and the completion of the award is dependent on finishing all of these sections.

Skills

Volunteering

Physical

Expedition

Whilst our team at Prince Henry's work hard to support students through the expedition section, pupils are required to complete the majority of their award independently, and in their own time **Please note, pupils must have started all sections, and have completed 1 section in full, prior to embarking on their expedition in June.**

It will be necessary for participants to provide their own equipment whilst on expedition, including tents, cookers, 60-65 litre rucksacks, walking boots, food etc. We can support students with advice on where to purchase their equipment, or equipment may be loaned from school.

The cost of participation on the Bronze scheme for the 2025/26 academic year is £145. This covers a registration fee (which includes a welcome pack), with the remainder of the money contributing towards expedition fees such as minibus & coach hire, campsite expenses, and staff training. We are aware that this is insignificant amount of money, but stress that we run the award as a complete not-for-profit scheme at Prince Henry's. ***Please note, once enrolled onto the award, a refund will not be possible due to costs that are immediately incurred at the point of enrolment.***

Numbers enrolling onto the Award are limited depending on staff support. In the event of over-subscription, pupils will be randomly selected. **The deadline for the return of the attached form is Friday 3rd October.** Pupils are asked to hand their completed forms in to the Geography office (Upstairs in Holland Block).

If your child would like to attend then please make payment via Parentpay. If you have not activated your Parentpay account or if you need any assistance then please contact the school finance team by email to parentpay@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk. Payment can be made either in full, **£145 by Friday 3rd October 2023**, or by the following instalments: the first payment of **£50 by Friday 3rd October 2025**, the second payment of **£50 by Friday 19th December 2025** and the final payment of **£45 by Friday 13th February 2026**.

The expedition dates for this year's Bronze Award are as follows: (Students MUST attend all of these to complete their expedition section).

Winchcombe walk (Training day) – Friday 15th May 2026

Cotswolds (Qualifying expedition) – Thursday 11th – Friday 12th June 2026

If you have any questions about the award, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss J Jackson

Prince Henry's Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Expedition Coordinator