



**FLINTSHIRE YOUTH & COMMUNITY
SERVICE
DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD**



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Dear Parent/Participant,

Welcome to The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

As you can see by the enclosed leaflet, the DofE is aimed at the individual and requires a certain amount of commitment. The time scales are in the control of the individual but occasionally have to be Leader controlled. There is in place a well organised support system from which guidance is always available. At present the DofE is undergoing some changes, which put a greater responsibility on the participants. Any changes will be sent out as and when they come out, although participants can look on dofe.org to gain first hand information.

The benefits from taking part and completing the DofE are not immediately apparent but completion of the DofE indicates to future employers a level of commitment on the participant's part and there is the opportunity to meet people from different backgrounds and cultures. The training syllabus is also designed to encourage team work and to benefit the local community by hopefully producing better citizens.

Taking part in the DofE is not without cost, as certain items of kit are required by the individual, not just for the Expedition but where a participant wishes to participate in a training course for any section, costs can quickly rise. There are limited resources to borrow certain items but it would be uneconomical to provide kit for every participant so participants are encouraged to buy their own equipment where possible, there are in place funding opportunities for individuals or new start-up units.

Please read the leaflet carefully, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Unit Leader or the above.

If you decide to register with the DofE, complete the enclosed forms and return to the Unit Leader or the above.

Registration costs: Bronze and Silver	£14.00
Gold	£20.00

Cheques should be made payable to FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

From time to time registration costs do increase but the DofE does try to keep them to a minimum.