



# BRENTFORD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

## BRENTFORD 6<sup>th</sup> FORM

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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Award**

We are delighted to be writing to you regarding Brentford School for Girls running the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Throughout their time at Brentford School for Girls our students will have a number of opportunities to extend learning beyond the classroom and provide students with new experiences which will support in their development towards our vision of the Brentford Girl.

We have already had great interest about the award and we are aiming to increase numbers even further in the upcoming year. When your daughter does their DofE programme they'll develop the skills and attitudes they need to become more rounded, confident adults. Qualities that colleges, universities and employers are attracted to. So when you support your child's pursuit of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award, you're investing in their future.

You can expect to see your daughter develop in the following areas as they work through their DofE programme:

- Self-belief and self-confidence
- A sense of identity
- Initiative and a sense of responsibility
- A real awareness of their strengths
- New talents and abilities
- The ability to plan and use time effectively
- Learning from and giving to others in the community
- Forming new friendships
- Problem solving, presentation and communication skills
- Leadership and team working skills.

There are four components that are addressed via completion of the Bronze Award highlighted below:

Volunteering	To encourage service to individuals and the community	3/6 months
Skills	To encourage the discovery and development of practical and social skills and personal interests	3/6 months
Physical	To encourage participation and improvement in	3/6 months

**"TOP 100 NON-SELECTIVE STATE-FUNDED SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY" NICK GIBB, MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCHOOLS (FEBRUARY 2016)**



	physical activity	
Expeditions	To encourage a spirit of adventure and discovery by preparing for and carrying out an adventurous journey as part of a team	Completed during school/weekends

Further information about the Award can be found at <https://www.dofe.org/> or <https://www.dofe.org/do/timescales/>

The Bronze award is open to Year 9, 10 and 12 students and runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. For students taking part in their own skills outside school, we help to run the expeditions of which there are three in total.

- A day walk to Richmond Park to encourage the use of map work and navigational skills.
- A practice walk, held on a weekend, where the students put their skills into practice.
- An assessment expedition which takes place over the course of a weekend.

Students have until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November to sign up for the 2024 award on the google form [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdv0AXoMvG8Y6Qw0vZRMjKpfZUEZwlsZn9IEg8Y4lyfB9PvQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdv0AXoMvG8Y6Qw0vZRMjKpfZUEZwlsZn9IEg8Y4lyfB9PvQ/viewform?usp=sf_link).

If your daughter is interested, please ensure they sign up as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Yours faithfully

*S. Giddens*

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**Duke of Edinburgh Manager**