



Duke of Edinburgh International Award

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INTERNATIONAL AWARD



Everyone Counts, Everyone Contributes, Everyone Succeeds.

What is the Duke of Edinburgh International Award?



The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is the world's leading youth achievement award. In 2018, more than 1.1 million young people around the globe took part in the award from more than 140 countries and territories and since its launch 60 years ago, it has inspired millions of young people to transform their lives.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is recognised worldwide and provides young people with a unique international accreditation for their experiences.



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Why take part?



The aim of the award is to create opportunities for you to develop skills, get physically active, give service and experience adventure.

The award can play a critical role in your personal development outside the classroom. The course will provide the opportunity to become more confident and resilient, develop skills in areas such as communication, problem solving and leadership, as well as 'standing out' when applying for university and looking for employment in the future.



“The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award is a global mark of achievement. Wherever in the world young people may have participated, I know that they will have learned first-hand about teamworking, respect, excellence and courage – values that BP holds dear.”

Dev Sanyal, Executive vice president & group chief of staff, BP

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What is involved?



The award has three levels – Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each of the levels require participants to complete four different sections; voluntary service, physical recreation, skills and an adventurous journey; with an extra residential project for the gold award.

For the voluntary service, physical recreation and skill sections, you must work towards your goals for an extended period of time and you have complete freedom about what you choose to commit to. This is about you developing as an individual and contributing to the community in a way that you are passionate about.

To complete the course, you must also complete a practice and a qualifying expedition. These will normally take place in the mountains of the UAE, but may include an international trip for silver/gold awards.

Service	Physical Recreation	Skills	Adventurous Journey
Participants volunteer in their communities, make a positive contribution to society and demonstrate social responsibility.	Encourages young people to improve their fitness and performance, and enjoy healthy lifestyles for good mental and physical well-being.	Enables participants to develop their talents, broaden their abilities, increase their self-confidence and improve their employability.	Young people discover a spirit of adventure and gain a deeper understanding of the environment and the great outdoors.

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Progression



Bronze

Voluntary Service – 3 months

Skills – 3 months

Physical Recreation – 3 months

- One section must be 6 months
- Adventurous Journey** – two days and one night; 6 hours of purposeful effort per day

Silver

Voluntary Service – 6 months

Skills – 6 months

Physical Recreation – 6 months

- One section must be 9 months
- Adventurous Journey** – three days and two nights; 7 hours of purposeful effort per day

Gold

Voluntary Service – 12 months

Skills – 12 months

Physical Recreation – 12 months

- One section must be 18 months

Adventurous Journey – four days and three nights; 8 hours of purposeful effort per day

Residential Project – The opportunity to share a purposeful experience, with people outside your friendship group, working towards a common goal. This takes place over four nights and 5 days.



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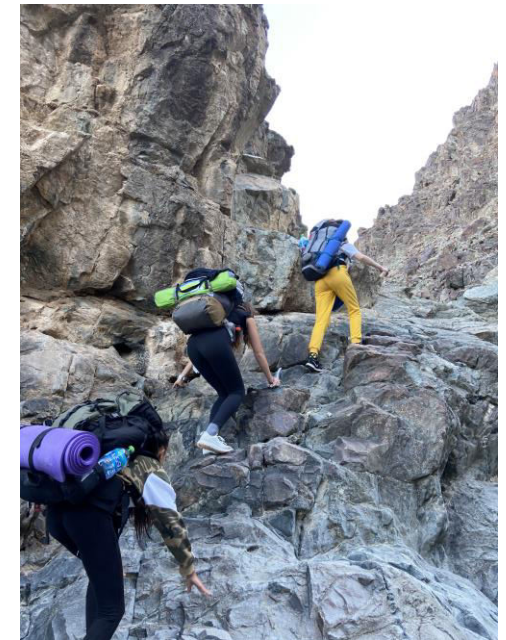


The Expeditions

For each of your expeditions you will work in small groups of 4-7 people to meet a number of goals. You must navigate for two days (bronze), three days (silver) or four days (gold) through mountainous terrain and wadis, using just a basic map and compass.

Your group are required to be completely self sufficient, carrying everything you need in your rucksacks. After arriving at a remote campsite in the evening of day one, you will set up your own tent and prepare your own food, before sleeping in the wilderness. Very early the next morning you will prepare your breakfast, pack up your camp and set off hiking again; navigating through checkpoints to the next campsite/finish.

Throughout your expedition, your group will also be working towards a common aim. It might be something like documenting wildlife, practicing different photography skills or researching human effects on the environment. This is up to you and should be agreed by your group well in advance.



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Costing



We use external companies to support the adventurous journey, as they will provide support, first aid, water stations, award assessors/instructors and transport to and from Horizon International School.

This is for both the practice journey and assessed qualifying journey. Due to this there will be an **estimated cost of around:**

Bronze - 1300 AED per participant*

Silver – 2000 AED per participant *

This will include registration fee, the Ecoventure service, branded t-shirts and awards. Participants will also need to source their own equipment such as rucksacks and walking boots etc. or they can arrange very basic equipment hire from Ecoventure in their groups if necessary. A complete kit list will be provided well in advance of the expedition.

*Exact costs will be confirmed by the award leader prior to your son/daughter registering for the award

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Expectations/Sign Up



The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a serious commitment and one which will require a sustained effort for a long period of time. You will be expected to attend a weekly extra-curricular club, where you will learn the skills required for the adventurous journeys, receive first aid training and work with your team members to plan your expeditions.

You must complete both the practice and qualifying expeditions to pass and your progress and completion of the award relies on your initiative, responsibility and independence.

If you have any questions, please contact the award leader at HIS.

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Thank You