



# Penistone Grammar School

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Ref: RHU/CWA

Date: 9 May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer of STUDENT FULLNAME

### Duke of Edinburgh Taster Day, 18 June 2025

At Penistone Grammar School we run a very successful Duke of Edinburgh Award. Next year we will be offering Bronze Award to all students in Y9 and Y10.

### Why do DofE?

Doing DofE is a brilliant way for your young person to discover just how much they are capable of. It gives young people the chance to make new friends, follow their passions, learn new skills and make a difference in our community. Gaining a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too.

It's also non-competitive and a powerful way for every young person to build belief in themselves, whatever their background, interests and abilities.

### How it works

There are three levels of DofE Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. To achieve the awards, your child will need to complete four sections – Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the Expedition.

Students can choose what they would like to do for the first three sections, and we will provide all the guidance and support they need. The expedition for Bronze involves spending two days and one nights in the countryside, and again we'll make sure that our young people are fully prepared for it.

To give students an idea of what the expedition might look like we would like to invite your son/daughter to a Duke of Edinburgh taster day. Depending on numbers we will either travel to Hope via the train leaving Penistone or via a coach from school. This will be confirmed once numbers are finalised.

Venue	Travelling to Hope in the peak district, walking up Win Hill and returning to Hope		
Date of trip	<b>REARRANGED DATE 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>		
Departure time	08:30	Return time	TBC but possibly as late as 17:30
Cost	Free		
School mobile number for use in an emergency (if an evening or overnight trip). If a day trip	07547 213155		



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### Other information

Students will need to arrive in school in outdoor appropriate clothing. Even if the weather appears to be good at ground level when at a height it can be cold. Students will need layers and a waterproof coat. Ideally they should wear walking boots but a strong pair of trainers would be ok. Depending on the weather they may need a winter hat and/or a sunhat. Students should carry their own sunscreen.

*Lunch* - Students can request a PP lunch or they can supply their own. They may also want to bring extra snacks with them as they can get quite hungry while walking. Ideally they need at least 1 litre of water.

**Nuts are not allowed to be brought, including peanut butter and in chocolate.** Please check their snacks for nuts.

They will need a backpack to store their lunch, water and additional layers it is important that this bag has two working shoulder straps.

### Behaviour

Students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner as ambassadors of the school. Students will need to follow instructions from staff. Should the conduct of a student in the lead up to, or during the visit, be deemed either unacceptable or likely to put the health, wellbeing, safety and/or enjoyment of other students on the trip at risk, the Principal reserves the right to withdraw that student's place from the visit, or they may be returned home prior to the end of the visit. All school policies will be in place during the visit. Road safety will be taken very seriously.

### Consent

Please provide consent via parent pay, which will be live from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May and close on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May**. On giving consent you are agreeing to your child taking part in the above activity and have read the information provided agreeing to his/her participation in the activities described. You are also agreeing to your child receiving any emergency medical treatment that may be deemed necessary. If there are any exceptions to this, please provide us with the necessary information in writing. We need permission for photos for school use, medical information and parent consent.

### Payment

Payment and consent will be via ParentPay.

If there are any barriers to attending this trip please get in touch as we may be able to help.

Yours sincerely



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