

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Subject Vision

Learners at St Andrew's College have the opportunity to complete their Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and we at St Andrew's are extremely passionate about the award and the benefits it offers to our learners.

The DofE leaders within the College have extensive experience in offering the award and work closely with students to set fun and achievable targets. Students are then supported to work towards these targets over the following weeks, aiming to achieve individual sections or the whole award. They are given numerous opportunities to learn outside the classroom, participating in activities such as swimming, climbing, horse-riding, and hiking in the Peak District.

Students also learn navigational techniques and campcraft skills in preparation for their camping expedition, which is conducted within the College grounds. Our DofE team possesses the skills and knowledge to supervise and assess all chosen activities, holding relevant professional qualifications in each area, thereby ensuring that safety is paramount.

By completing the award, participants have the opportunity to develop in many areas, including teamwork skills, increased confidence and self-esteem, as well as improving their physical fitness—all of which contribute to their overall recovery. The award also provides a broad base of new skills and competencies, allowing young people to experience new activities and challenge themselves in various ways.

Students at St Andrew's College are supported from the initial target-setting meeting through every step of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award journey.