



Dubai Gem Private School Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Policy 2017 – 2018

Dubai Gem Private School is proud to offer the very successful and world renowned Duke of Edinburgh's International Award to students over the age of 14.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award offers young learners the opportunity to develop into independent, caring, risk-taking and responsible citizens.

Students who enroll for the programme, have the opportunity to work towards the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards with support and guidance from fully trained staff.

To enroll for The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award programme, students will have to pay the required fees. The fees may vary for new participants and for those who are continuing on to their next Award level.

For more information on Award fees, please contact the Award Coordinators, Ms. Bella Toscano / Ms. Usha Fredrick.

The programmes are at three progressive levels, which, if successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold.

The three awards can be completed in a span of 3 – 4 years or by the participant's twenty-fifth birthday. There are around thousands of participants enrolled annually, with the award expanding to 140 other countries.

With assistance from adult leaders, participants select and set objectives in each of the following areas:

- Volunteering: Undertaking service to individuals or the community.
- Physical: Improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities.
- Skills: Developing practical and social skills and personal interests.
- Expedition: planning, training for and completion of an adventurous journey in the U.A.E. or abroad.
- At Gold level, participants must do an additional fifth Residential section, which involves staying and working away from home for five days, doing a shared activity.

Please download the Award guides for each award for more guidance.

[Award - Guide for Gold Award Participants](#)

[Award - Guide for Silver Award Participants](#)

[Award - Guide for Bronze Award Participants](#)

Once you are a DofE participant, your Leader will set up your eDofE account – and you are ready to start choosing your activities and setting your objectives.

The web address for the eDofE login page is: (**https://intawardorb.com/intranet/home/Log_in.asp**)

For more information visit **www.intaward.org** or contact **Ms. Bella Toscano/ Ms. Usha Fredrick**.

Key Steps in the Award Process

1) Visit www.intaward.org

2) Register online (**https://intawardorb.com/intranet/home/Log_in.asp**) and select an Award level

3) Receive your Record Book or Online Record Details

4) Discuss your section activities with your Award Leader and plan your Award programme

5) Notify your Award Leader of your Assessor and the goals you have set

6) Set smart goals to be achieved with your Assessors

7) Identify assessors and approach them

8) When you have finished the requirements for your activities, ensure your assessors writes a report and signs-off on your record

9) Submit your Record Book to your Award Leader

10) Await final assessment and sign-off

11) Receive your Award

Volunteering/Physical/Skill/Residential Section

To achieve an award, the participant must work on each section for a minimum period of time, and must be monitored and assessed by someone with knowledge of the chosen activities.

Each progressive level demands more time and commitment from participants:

- Bronze: 3–6 months
- Silver: 6–9 months
- Gold: 12–18 months
- Residential (Gold Award only): 4 Days, 3 Nights

Participants are required to show commitment and be actively involved for the duration of the programme, which is usually at least one hour per week.

DGPS offers before/after school physical activities.

Expedition Section

The Expedition Section is arguably the most exciting aspect of the Award. The Award that students are enrolled on will determine how long the expedition will last and the location it will take place.

Each Award demands more time in duration for the expedition:

- Bronze: 2 days, 1 night camping
- Silver: 3 days, 2 nights camping
- Gold: 4 days, 3 nights camping

Two expeditions, a practice and a qualifier, as well as a Navigation Training Day, will be undertaken on each Award Programme. The school will organize all expeditions and training.

For Parents and Guardians

Participating in the Award programmes is an exciting journey for young people and their families.

Through a strong yet flexible framework, your daughter or son can uniquely design their Award, choosing activities that spark their interest and challenge them to achieve great heights. You play a vital role by providing support and encouragement as they work towards their goals.

Supporting your daughter or son

The Award equips young people for life and work, whether it is through new unique activities, meeting new people or exploring an unfamiliar environment. Your child is responsible for their development and setting their Award goals.

With your support and motivation, you can help your son or daughter grow and develop. Encourage your daughter or son to take an active role in constructing their strategies to drive them forward.

For any further information, contact the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Coordinators, Ms. Bella Toscano and Ms. Usha Fredrick.