DofE and QSA Awards Overview of sections



Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition	Residential
This section aims to encourage service to individuals and to the community. Volunteering is all about making a difference to other people's lives. Perhaps you're interested in animals or conservation? Or you might like to work with older people or raise money for a cause that means a lot to you? It could include: helping with Cub Scouts as a Young Leader; being a member of a campsite service crew; leading outdoor activities as an instructor; as well as many other ideas.	Physical aims to encourage participation and improvement in physical activity. It's a chance for you to focus on your health and fitness and have fun along the way. As long as you pick something that requires a sustained level of energy and physical activity, the possibilities are endless. Improve your football; rock climbing; or dance skills; or try a completely new sport or activity. Join a team or do it on your own. You don't have to be super fit or world class – it's about setting your own challenges, giving 100% and being the very best you can be.	Skill aims to encourage the development of practical and social skills and personal interests. A skill is about discovering what you're really good at. May be you want to get better at something you already do, like playing a musical instrument, or learn something for the very first time, like how to design a website? The activity you chose should allow you to show progression and sustained interest over a period of time. By developing practical and social skills and nurturing your personal interests and talents, you'll boost your self-esteem and your CV.	As part of a small team, you'll plan and complete a practice and final expedition that will truly stretch your horizons and encourage a spirit of adventure and discovery. You'll improve your communication and leadership skills and take a rucksack full of memories home with you. The adventurous journey should be in the countryside; or on the water; by foot; cycle; horse; canoe; boat; or dinghy. Whatever you decide to do, you'll have an unforgettable experience getting to grips with the great outdoors.	The Residential (QSA and DofE Gold only) will broaden young people's experiences through involvement with others in an unknown setting. You can choose from a range of residential activities – from helping at a National Trust site in the UK to working with children in India. You'll spend five days and four nights taking part in a shared, worthwhile activity with people you've never met before. It will boost your independence and confidence and is a great way to leave a positive footprint on your life and other people's.