



# The Duke of Edinburgh Award



THE DUKE  
OF EDINBURGH'S  
AWARD

# Standards for Archery



# Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

A 6 week programme (part of the GCSE qualification level)

Students will demonstrate:

- Bow control, loading the arrow, pre draw, anchor, aim, release, and follow through and discuss arrow pattern.
- Knowledge of their bow and arrows with its various parts. The method used to calculate the correct arrow length for safety must be known.
- Sight knowledge, if adjustments are needed due to weather or distance. Bare bow candidates will be expected to understand point of aim, gap shooting and finger walking
- The ability to compete in a group archery competition, completing score sheets, and know the procedures for bouncers.
- Shooting at a 15yds minimum with 18 arrows, using a 60cm face, for a sighted bow or 90cm face for a bare bow. The shooter should score 10 zone scoring.

## Skill Level Scores

	Bare Bow	Sighted bow			
Score	104	116	Mark band	10, 9, 8	Highly competent
Score	75	83	Mark band	7,6,5	Competent
Score	39	43	Mark band	4,3,2,1	Moderate success

The six week beginner course will include knowledge of:

- Personal safety - hair, clothing, jewellery, footwear etc.
- Bow safety - looking for wear or damage to bow that may have been caused, or bent unsafe arrows.
- Range safety - layout and safety precautions observed to ensure safe and secure shooting indoors and outdoors.
- Basic knowledge of shooting and etiquette - rules will be observed. Knowledge of some of the GNAS archery rounds which are available to shoot.

## Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

A 6 week course Step into Sport or (A/S level equivalent award) course  
With a coach ( Level 2 ) followed by a short assessment interview with an archery coach or county coach.

Students must have the ability to act as:

- Target / Field Captain - scoring methods for metric and imperial rounds. Controls of field layout and set up and shooting area safety.
- Judge - knowledge of the required rules and standards to be applied to enable a practise, training session or competition. Safety standards should be known, whistle procedures and target rules, bouncers, pass through's.
- Coach - knowledge of methods used to improve performance, stance, body alignment, release, and the understanding of arrow patterns and the methods used to read and correct the shot. Be able to set up a bow for a beginner.

## Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Using the knowledge learnt at the Bronze award the student will teach 2 student archers. They will be expected to run a beginner's course supervised by an Archery coach. This course is designed to demonstrate the knowledge learnt at the Bronze stage, by passing it onto other students. The Student will produce a Lesson plan for the course and provide course notes on the progress of the students being taught. The knowledge taught will be that learnt during the Bronze Award. This will be conducted under supervision of an Archery Coach ( Level 2 ) or County Coach.

This award will be assessed by the coach on a continued basis during the 6 week period.

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Thank you for your enquiry for information of the archery requirements within this scheme.

To achieve your archery qualifications it will be beneficial for you to undertake shooting at a registered Archery GB club or association or at a sports centre who also have qualified Archery coaches working at the centre.

Under the rules of our Society our clubs are, for a small fee, permitted to give a beginner in archery for six weeks in the basic techniques of the sport. At the end of that period of learning the assessment can be carried out. If you are learning within your school or a sports centre their own insurance scheme is acceptable and will allow the course to run for the full 6 weeks or more if required. The scheme within schools is linked to the PESSYP which is the Player pathway programme.

We hope that you will find the sport of archery sufficiently interesting for you to join a club as a full member, and continue with the sport. If you have any questions please contact Mr John Willson at Archery GB or by phone 07860736610

We wish you well in your endeavours.

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