



Obtaining the Duke of Edinburgh award at Warlingham Archery Club

Information for students and their carers



This guidance is for students wishing to undertake archery at Warlingham Archery Club (the “Club”) as part of their activity to achieve a Bronze level award. For Silver and Gold levels contact the Club Secretary.

Training will be provided by the Club’s qualified coaches and/or experienced archers. The Club’s DoE coaching team have current enhanced DBS certificates.

Students will need to undertake the 6-week training programme followed by participation at the Club’s shooting days at any of its venues. In order to achieve the required standard, enrolment in the Club for a minimum of 3 months after training is recommended.

Whilst at the Club, we would encourage students to continually seek advice and additional guidance from the coaches.

Insurance for activities is included in the 6-week training programme. Following this, insurance is provided by the national body as part of the Club joining fees.

The six week beginner course will include knowledge of:

- Personal safety – hair, clothing, jewellery, footwear etc.
- Bow safety – is it correctly assembled; looking for wear or damage to bow; and, bent, damaged or unsafe arrows.
- Range safety – layout and safety precautions observed to ensure safe and secure shooting both indoor and outdoors.
- Knowledge of fundamental shooting rules and etiquette. Knowledge of some of the GNAS archery rounds which are available to shoot.

Students will need to demonstrate:

- Bow control; loading the arrow; pre draw; consistent reference point; aim, release; follow through; and, ability to discuss arrow pattern in target.
- 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.
- At the end of course competition, shooting at 20yds, using a 122cm face. Shooting will commence with 6 non-scoring arrows (sighters) followed by 36 scoring arrows,. Scores will be based on Imperial (5-zone) scoring; that is, gold = 9, red = 7, blue = 5, black = 3, white = 1, miss = 0.

Skill level scores:

Bow	Sighted	Bare bow	Level
	202	151	Highly competent
Score	164	123	Competent
	126	95	Moderate success

- After joining the Club, the student will need to ensure his/her scores from shooting days are recorded and submitted to the Club Records Officer. These records form the basis of evidence of participation and improvement.
- Student members are encouraged to initiate discussion of their progress with a coach when shooting at the Club.

Additional information regarding the Club including courses, shooting timetables, venues, fees, etc can be found on its website: www.warlinghamarchers.co.uk