

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Annual Statistical Report Richmond 2013/2014



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"The volunteering was surprisingly the most enjoyable section, as it allowed me to meet new people and learn how to supervise children with special needs."
Gabriel



Two out of three young people who start their award in Richmond go on to complete it.

Introduction

I am pleased to present the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) Annual Statistical Report for the year 2013/14, which details the levels of engagement and attainment by young people across the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.

Over the past five years (and the past three especially), the DofE in Richmond Youth Service has performed exceptionally and I am delighted to say that the year 2013/14 is no exception. Following five years of continuous growth, this year has proved to be another record year. Richmond Youth Service has welcomed over 1,500 young people on to the programme, and presented roughly 950 Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, demonstrating a 4% and 15% growth respectively. In both participation and awards achieved, we are proud to say we are the highest achieving operating authority in London and the expansion of the DofE in Richmond is yet to show signs of stopping.

The quality of a young person's programme, and the support which they receive through their programme has been a particular focus of ours over the last four years. We have worked hard to ensure that every young person has the best chance of completing their award, regardless of their school, background, or starting point. This focus has demonstrated itself as we continue to maintain a completion rate of 66% - ensuring that two out of every three young people go on to complete their award. This figure is significantly higher than the same London wide measure, which is approximately 40%.

I am proud to say that our high completion rate is not only demonstrated at Bronze and Silver levels, but is well maintained for the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Described by some as 'the fourth A Level', the prestige and high regard that the Gold award is held in should not be underestimated, and our programmes are ensuring that more and more young people in Richmond are completing their Gold award. In November 2013, I had the pleasure of witnessing over 50 young people collect their Gold award in The Throne Room of St James's Palace from HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. The room was reserved specifically for young people from Richmond, such were the high numbers of young people from Richmond who were being presented with their award that day. This was the first time this had ever been done for any borough in London and the young people were able to enjoy a more intimate and more personalised presentation than would otherwise have been possible.

As DofE Manager, it is hugely rewarding overseeing many of the fantastic opportunities which the DofE has brought to young people. In this year alone, I have had the pleasure of taking my own participants on expeditions to Snowdonia, Mid Wales and the Brecon Beacons, and have overseen expeditions running to the Lake District, the Yorkshire Dales and the Peak District. It is also great to see that a number of schools and centres are offering opportunities for participants to complete their expeditions by canoe, as we have seen expeditions running to the River Wye, the River Teifi and the River Severn.

Outside of the Expedition section, we have been able to offer a huge number of opportunities in partnership with other organisations, with participants successfully completing their DofE sections in places such as local care homes, libraries, hospitals, nurseries and schools, with an estimated social value of £137,000. Our participants have also been privileged to have the opportunity to go abroad to complete some sections of their DofE, with participants recently returning from Residential trips to The Gambia.

Despite another record year, continued growth and excellent results, it is important that we do not rest on our laurels. With an ever expanding programme and ever expanding demand, we must adapt and reflect and be resourceful in our approach in order for us to continue our success. Continued investment into the structure and staffing of our DofE staff teams is essential. Additionally, with all schools in Richmond set to have a sixth form provision from September 2014, the expansion of our Silver and Gold offers must be considered in order to meet a higher demand from young people wishing to continue with their programme.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who are involved with and support the DofE across Richmond. Without the hard work and dedication of each of you, the DofE in Richmond would not be what it is today. This is an exciting time for DofE in Richmond and we are very much looking forward to the year ahead.

Rob Clark, DofE Manager
Richmond upon Thames

Young people's
volunteering activities
amounted to an
estimated £137,000 in
2013/14 in Richmond.

What's it all about?

The DofE charity

"The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) supports over 275,000 people aged 14 to 24 every year. Our ethos is to enable every young person of every background to take part in our programmes and succeed, regardless of any barriers."

DofE programmes

DofE programmes are at one of three progressive levels which, when successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. There are four sections at Bronze and Silver level and five at Gold.

With assistance from DofE 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 UK or abroad.
- At **Gold** level, participants must do an additional fifth **Residential** section, which involves staying and working away from home doing a shared activity.

Who can do it?

Absolutely anyone aged between 14 and 24. Because DofE programmes are all about getting out there, having fun and self-development, anyone can achieve. Young people choose what they do in each section and set their own personal challenges; it's not about being first. It's non-competitive and focuses on helping young people to improve existing skills or gain new talents, abilities or perspectives and being the best they can.

Why should young people do their DofE?

Doing their DofE can be a life-changing adventure. On the way participants will do their own exciting and challenging programme of activities to help them reach their full potential. They'll learn new skills, help others, have fun, make new friends and gain a great sense of achievement. Employers, colleges and universities really value the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and know what it says about someone who is an award holder.

"The expeditions are always my favourite part. Gold was no let down. Possibly the hardest thing I have ever done and LOVED every minute of it!"
Emma

"I enjoyed the skills section and residential the most. I got to take part in something I wouldn't have done had I not completed my Gold award." Michelle

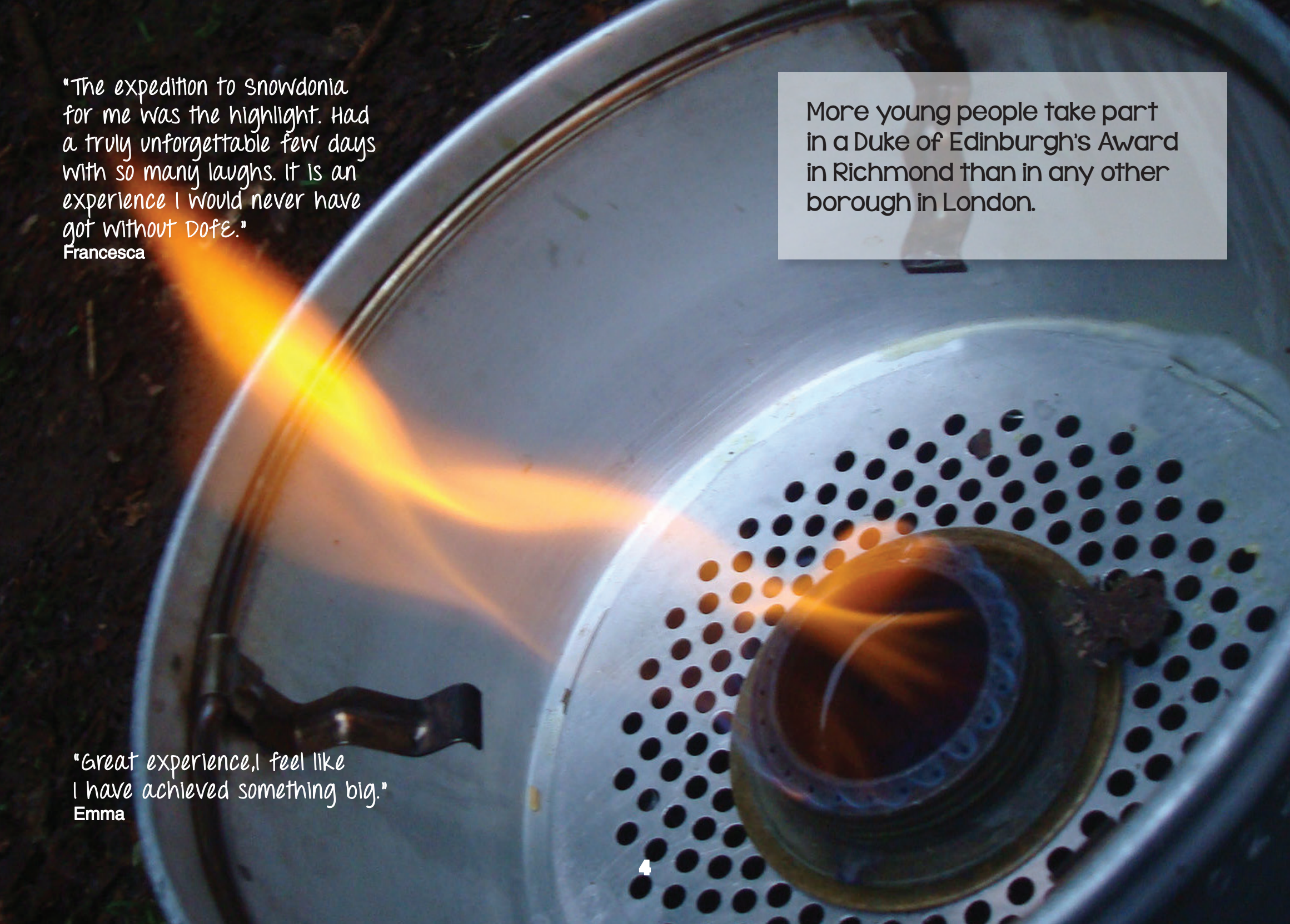


Richmond new starters and awards achieved

	Numbers					Percentage Change	
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	1 Year	5 year
ENROLMENTS	966	1132	1193	1461	1523	4%	58%
Bronze	612	750	796	1015	1080	6%	76%
Silver	208	259	297	330	307	-7%	48%
Gold	146	123	100	116	136	17%	-7%
AWARDS GAINED	289	331	696	826	949	15%	228%
Bronze	211	239	501	594	701	18%	232%
Silver	52	64	142	179	198	11%	281%
Gold	26	28	53	53	50	-6%	92%
COMPLETION RATE*	33%	36%	60%	68%	66%		



- The last 12 month period has seen further growth in enrolments, with almost 600 additional participants taking part in their DofE this year, compared with five years ago.
- The number of awards gained by young people in Richmond has risen again, with nearly 950 awards being achieved this year, compared with 289 from five years ago.
- Our extremely high completion rate (which compares with approximately 40% across London) has been sustained with two out of every three participants who enrol on to a DofE Programme going on to complete it.
- We can feel confident in the quality of the DofE in Richmond as our previous excellent results have been sustained and surpassed. More young people than ever before are enrolling onto DofE programmes in Richmond, which we can confidently say are amongst the best supported programmes in London.



"The expedition to Snowdonia for me was the highlight. Had a truly unforgettable few days with so many laughs. It is an experience I would never have got without DofE."

Francesca

More young people take part in a Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Richmond than in any other borough in London.

"Great experience. I feel like I have achieved something big."

Emma

Summary breakdown 2013/14

A brief summary of the most relevant DofE centre figures for 2013/14

DofE centre name	Enrolled 2013/14	Completed 2013/14	Enrolment growth	Completion growth
Christ's School	60	42	25%	83%
German School London	48	32	-23%	129%
Grey Court School	80	15	63%	275%
Ham Open Award Centre	46	28	-34%	-61%
Hampton Academy	22	14	10%	-
Hampton Court House School	8	4	-	300%
Hampton School	207	201	-12%	29%
Hampton Youth Project	6	0	20%	-100%
Orleans Park School	134	39	123%	8%
Radnor House School	49	22	32%	-
Richmond Housing Partnership	11	0	-15%	-
Richmond Park Academy	31	2	933%	-
Richmond upon Thames College	26	10	-7%	-17%
St Catherine's School	54	24	6%	-31%
St Paul's School	140	119	-11%	68%
Teddington School	131	73	8%	161%
The Garage Open Award Centre	19	0	-	-
The Harrodian School	94	40	13%	-43%
The Lady Eleanor Holles School	146	125	-7%	-6%
Twickenham Academy	55	46	-29%	35%
Virtual Centre	10	10	400%	-17%
Waldegrave School for Girls	146	103	-12%	-14%

Growth

For ease of reading, positive growth is coded in **green**. A growth of -10% to 0% is considered more or less irrelevant and has correspondingly been coded **amber**. A growth of -10% or less requires addressing and this has correspondingly been coded **red**.

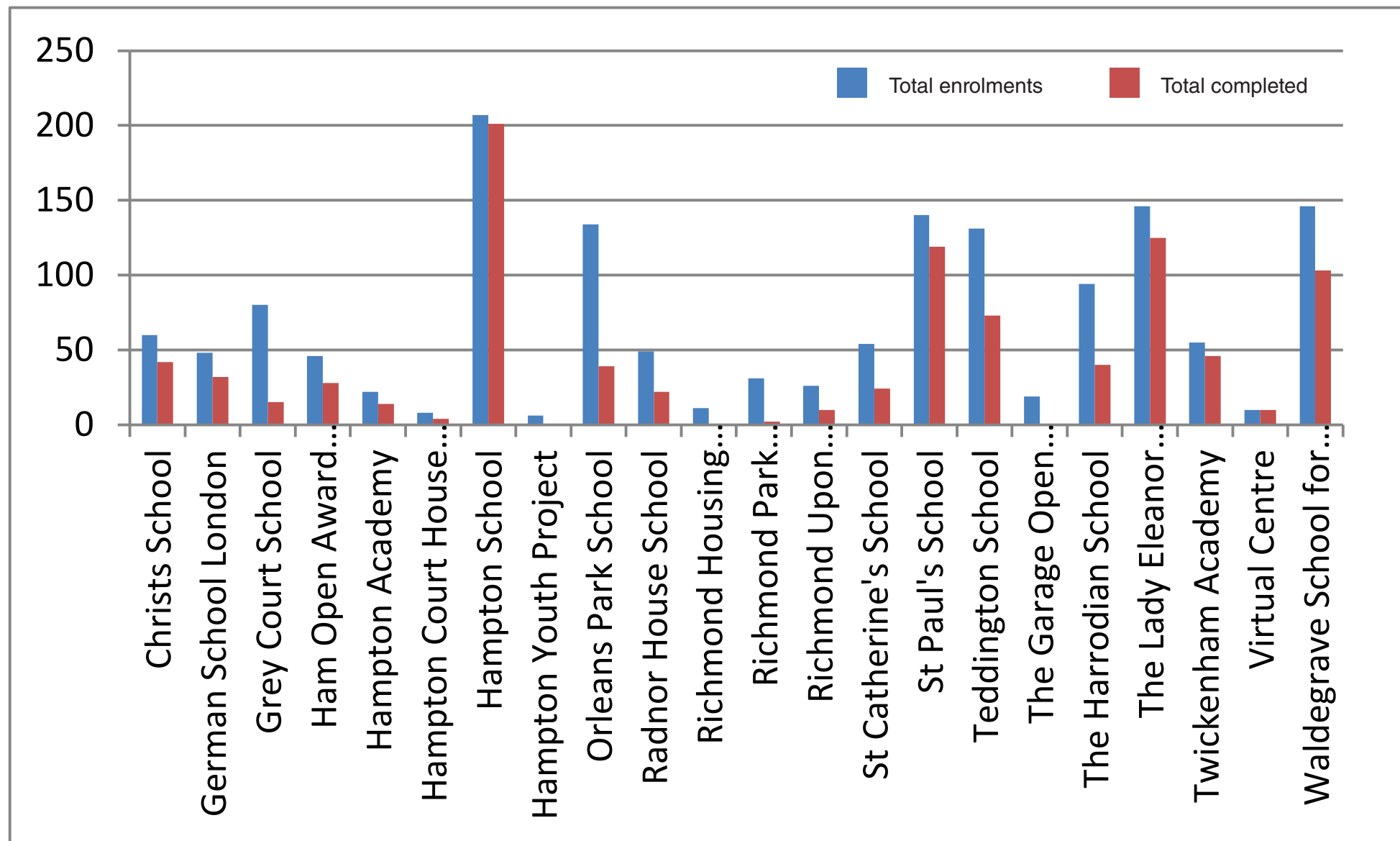
Full statistical breakdown (2013/2014)

The number of participants in each centre starting and finishing their award this year.

DofE Centre Name	Enrolled				Completed			
	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Total	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Total
Christ's School	44	16	0	60	39	3	0	42
German School London	48	0	0	48	32	0	0	32
Grey Court School	80	0	0	80	15	0	0	15
Ham Open Award Centre	1	26	19	46	3	3	22	28
Hampton Academy	22	0	0	22	14	0	0	14
Hampton Court House School	8	0	0	8	4	0	0	4
Hampton School	104	67	36	207	109	78	14	201
Hampton Youth Project	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
Orleans Park School	111	23	0	134	39	0	0	39
Radnor House School	26	23	0	49	20	2	0	22
Richmond Housing Partnership	11	0	0	11	0	0	0	0
Richmond Park Academy	31	0	0	31	2	0	0	2
Richmond upon Thames College	1	5	20	26	2	8	0	10
St Catherine's School	44	7	3	54	22	2	0	24
St Paul's School	131	0	9	140	111	0	8	119
Teddington School	131	0	0	131	73	0	0	73
The Garage Open Award Centre	0	0	19	19	0	0	0	0
The Harrodian School	49	34	11	94	22	16	2	40
The Lady Eleanor Holles School	77	51	18	146	74	47	4	125
Twickenham Academy	39	16	0	55	30	16	0	46
Virtual Centre	5	4	1	10	4	6	0	10
Waldegrave School for Girls	111	35	0	146	86	17	0	103

Full statistical breakdown (2013/2014)

The number of participants in each centre starting and finishing their award this year.



Enrolments table

The number of participants in each centre starting their award this year in order from highest to lowest

	DofE centre name	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Total
1	Hampton School	104	67	36	207
2	The Lady Eleanor Holles School	77	51	18	146
3	Waldegrave School for Girls	111	35	0	146
4	St Paul's School	131	0	9	140
5	Orleans Park School	111	23	0	134
6	Teddington School	131	0	0	131
7	The Harrodian School	49	34	11	94
8	Grey Court School	80	0	0	80
9	Christs School	44	16	0	60
10	Twickenham Academy	39	16	0	55
11	St Catherine's School	44	7	3	54
12	Radnor House School	26	23	0	49
13	German School London	48	0	0	48
14	Ham Open Award Centre	1	26	19	46
15	Richmond Park Academy	31	0	0	31
16	Richmond upon Thames College	1	5	20	26
17	Hampton Academy	22	0	0	22
18	The Garage Open Award Centre	0	0	19	19
19	Richmond Housing Partnership	11	0	0	11
20	Virtual Centre	5	4	1	10
21	Hampton Court House School	8	0	0	8
22	Hampton Youth Project	6	0	0	6

Completions table

The number of participants in each centre completing their award this year, in order from highest to lowest.

	DofE centre name	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Total
1	Hampton School	109	78	14	201
2	The Lady Eleanor Holles School	74	47	4	125
3	St Paul's School	111	0	8	119
4	Waldegrave School for Girls	86	17	0	103
5	Teddington School	73	0	0	73
6	Twickenham Academy	30	16	0	46
7	Christ's School	39	3	0	42
8	The Harrodian School	22	16	2	40
9	Orleans Park School	39	0	0	39
10	German School London	32	0	0	32
11	Ham Open Award Centre	3	3	22	28
12	St Catherine's School	22	2	0	24
13	Radnor House School	20	2	0	22
14	Grey Court School	15	0	0	15
15	Hampton Academy	14	0	0	14
16	Richmond upon Thames College	2	8	0	10
17	Virtual Centre	4	6	0	10
18	Hampton Court House School	4	0	0	4
19	Richmond Park Academy	2	0	0	2
20	Hampton Youth Project	0	0	0	0
21	Richmond Housing Partnership	0	0	0	0

Completion rate

The percentage of participants who completed their award this year.

DofE centre name	Target Bronze	Actual Bronze	Target Silver	Actual Silver	Target Gold	Actual Gold	Target Complete	Actual Complete	Completion Rate This Year
Christs School	23	39	1	3	0	0	24	42	88%
Hampton School	57	109	46	78	18	14	121	201	83%
The Lady Eleanor Holles School	39	74	30	47	9	4	77	125	81%
St Paul's School	66	111	0	0	10	8	76	119	79%
Hampton Academy	10	14	0	0	0	0	10	14	70%
Richmond Park Academy	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	67%
Orleans Park School	30	39	0	0	0	0	30	39	65%
Waldegrave School for Girls	65	86	18	17	0	0	83	103	62%
Twickenham Academy	20	30	17	16	0	0	37	46	62%
Teddington School	61	73	0	0	0	0	61	73	60%
Radnor House School	14	20	5	2	0	0	19	22	59%
German School London	31	32	0	0	0	0	31	32	52%
The Harrodian School	24	22	13	16	2	2	39	40	51%
St Catherine's School	18	22	7	2	1	0	26	24	47%
Ham Open Award Centre	8	3	16	3	11	22	35	28	41%
Richmond upon Thames College	4	2	10	8	0	0	14	10	36%
Grey Court School	25	15	0	0	0	0	25	15	31%
Hampton Youth Project	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0%
Richmond Housing Partnership	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0%

To estimate the completion rate, enrolments were compared with completed awards gained the following year for Bronze and Silver levels and with completed awards gained two years after enrolment for the Gold award.

A 50% completion rate target is set each year for all centres. 40% is expected.

"Only wish I could
do it all again."

Theo

"I had a fantastic time,
learnt a lot and met a
lot of cool people."

Lewis

Participation in the Duke
of Edinburgh's Award in
Richmond has grown by
58% in five years.

"Great, because it has given me the
opportunity to do stuff that I don't
think I would sign up for without
doing DofE. And I really enjoyed
these challenges."

Liam

"Looking back, I can see the
number of experiences I learned
and the good times we had even
when we were going through the
toughest times."

Neviea

Target Achievement

All centres are set a target for a 50% completion rate, ie 50% of all participants who enrol should go on to complete their award the following year. Target completion figures for 2014/2015 are therefore as follows.

DofE centre	Bronze enrolled	Target Bronze complete	Silver enrolled	Target Silver complete	Gold enrolled	Target Gold complete	Total enrolled	Total target complete
Christ's School	44	22	16	8	0	0	60	30
German School London	48	24	0	0	0	0	48	24
Grey Court School	80	40	0	0	0	0	80	40
Ham Open Award Centre	1	1	26	13	19	10	46	23
Hampton Academy	22	11	0	0	0	0	22	11
Hampton Court House School	8	4	0	0	0	0	8	4
Hampton School	104	52	67	34	36	18	207	104
Hampton Youth Project	6	3	0	0	0	0	6	3
Orleans Park School	111	56	23	12	0	0	134	67
Radnor House School	26	13	23	12	0	0	49	25
Richmond Housing Partnership	11	6	0	0	0	0	11	6
Richmond Park Academy	31	16	0	0	0	0	31	16
Richmond Upon Thames College	1	1	5	3	20	10	26	13
St Catherine's School	44	22	7	4	3	2	54	27
St Paul's School	131	66	0	0	9	5	140	70
Teddington School	131	66	0	0	0	0	131	66
The Garage Open Award Centre	0	0	0	0	19	10	19	10
The Harrodian School	49	25	34	17	11	6	94	47
The Lady Eleanor Holles School	77	39	51	26	18	9	146	73
Twickenham Academy	39	20	16	8	0	0	55	28
Virtual Centre	5	3	4	2	1	1	10	5
Waldegrave School for Girls	111	56	35	18	0	0	146	73

Please note that whilst this is a target, every effort should be made to ensure that it is met in order to ensure a quality programme is being delivered. A minimum 40% completion rate is expected.

Notes on statistical collection and methodology

Duration of report

The DofE (the charity) collects and reports statistical data over the financial year. In order to remain consistent with this, the DofE in Richmond also reports over the financial year, being in this case 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

Completion rates

As the vast majority of centres enrol in September, most participants don't complete their award until the following summer, which falls in the following statistical year. In order to reflect this trend properly with regards to the completion rates, completed awards are compared to the enrolments from the previous year, or two years previous for the Gold award.

Target completions

Over the past four years, all DofE centres in Richmond have been set a target for a minimum of 50% of all participants who enrol to go on to complete their award, which has played a large part in ensuring that the quality of all DofE programmes offered in Richmond is of a high standard. The target remains in place for the 2014/2015 statistical year and targets are based on 50% of the previous year's enrolment total for Bronze and Silver levels and two years previous for Gold level.

Minor reporting figures

Some centres have been excluded from this report, simply due to having such insignificant numbers. For example, if over three years only one or two participants began their DofE programme with a particular centre, their figures are felt to be insignificant and have consequently been omitted from this report.

"Hard work but ultimately very rewarding and enjoyable."

Elizabeth





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The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is the world's leading achievement award for young people



*"Loved the whole
experience, wish we
could do the entire
thing again!"*

Francesca

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