



Principal: Mr R. J. King, MEd

Dear Families,

The Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

In year 10 students have the opportunity to undertake their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award as an co-curricular activity. This letter outlines how to sign up to participate. They do NOT need to have participated in the Bronze award to start their Silver Award.

This year we are using an Approved Activity Provider (AAP) to deliver the training and expedition for the students. This will provide the students with a greater opportunity to develop their skills for the DofE and also impinges less on other co-curricular activities many students who undertake the DofE already participate in within school.

This comes to a total cost of £240. However, I think this provides exceptional value: this includes registration for the DofE Award (non-refundable £24); a Saturday training day; 2-day practice expedition; and a 3-day assessed expedition along with a DofE assessor. As a college, we will provide group kit for the students such as tents, stoves, compasses, maps and first aid kits. Training will be run Wednesday lunchtimes. We have tried to keep the cost to as little as possible whilst still providing a high quality experience to the students.

In order for the students to participate in the award they need to be able to attend all of the training sessions, the practice expedition and the assessed expedition. Expeditions will be during terms 5 and 6.

As ever, students need to be fully committed to the DofE Award and understand that there is much more than just the expedition aspect of the Award. They also need to undertake a Skill, Physical Activity and Volunteering as part of the Award. The timescales for these activities are outlined below. These do not need to be new to the student and can be something that they are already doing and plan to continue to do (e.g. music lessons or sport clubs). They can all be undertaken simultaneously and will need to fit around their College studies. Students will not be allowed to participate in the expeditions until these sections are underway.

- Volunteering section: 6 months
- Physical and Skills sections: One section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months
- Expedition section: 3 days/2 nights (+ practice expedition of 2 days/1 night + day training)
- *Students who have not completed the DofE Bronze Award, will need to undertake a further 3 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.*

If your child would like to sign up for the award I need 2 forms. The deadline for both forms is Friday 21st October.

1. **The first is an online google form which can be found [here](#). This needs to be completed by you, the adult.**
2. **The second is a draft program planner that is attached and was handed out at the student interest meeting on Thursday 11th October at lunchtime and must be returned to their tutor.**

Once all application forms have been collated, we will contact all participating students' families with details of how and when to pay. There will be the option to pay in three instalments. There is financial support available that we can apply for and the questions on the registration form will help identify these students.

Filling in the draft programme planner:

This is a first draft so it can be changed, and I do not expect all details (such as assessor information) to be known right away. I am looking to see that each student has an idea of what they would like to do for all three sections. To help students fill out the programme planner there are downloadable lists of section ideas on our website (homepage → college life → Duke of Edinburgh).

Kind Regards,

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