



Duke of Edinburgh – Silver

Dear Parent,

Every year the school offers students the opportunity of taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. The award offers young people the chance to develop individual skills, team skills and social skills. It also gives the participant a chance to offer individual talents or commitment to the community. As such, it is highly regarded by colleges, universities and employers.

The award revolves around four key areas (*five at gold*): physical recreation, skill, volunteering and training for and partaking in walking expeditions. More information about the award can be found on the D of E web site www.dofe.org. I strongly recommend visiting the web site for further information.

If your son is interested in continuing with his Silver D of E then there will be an information meeting for students on Wednesday 17th October after school in the new lecture theatre, where the programme will be explained in more detail. There will also be a D of E information pack that can be taken home to talk through with you along with a copy of the presentation.

The cost for the whole Silver package is £260. This includes the registration with the official body, the D of E pack, and discount card for outdoor clothing shops, two days of expedition training, a three day practise expedition and a three day assessed expedition. All dates will be in the information pack at the start up meeting.

An enrolment form and a bite size planner are enclosed in the information pack given out at the information meeting which must be completed and returned to the school finance office along with £260 (cash or cheque) if your son wishes to join the school's award group. Applications will be taken on a first come first served basis. The deadline date for applications is Friday 9th November.

Students wishing to continue on to silver award must have completed their bronze award first.

Should you have any other queries about the award, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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