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Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Silver

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child has shown an interest in undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Silver award. This is a recognised award for young people designed to encourage them to develop independence, commitment, leadership and teamwork. It encourages young people to take part in exciting, constructive and challenging activities in their free time. The award requires those taking part to complete 4 sections:

- Skills - developing existing talents or trying something new.
- Physical – becoming fitter through sport, dance or fitness activities.
- Volunteering – helping someone, your community or the environment.
- Expedition – completing training sessions and an assessed 3 days hike with 2 nights camping.

The skills, physical and volunteering sections must be completed once a week with two of these sections to be completed over six months and one over three months. If students have not completed the bronze award, one of the 6 months sections must be done for twelve months.

Your child will be expected to make their own arrangements for these sections, although this could involve participation in an existing club either at school or elsewhere. For each section an adult will be expected to act as a supervisor and complete a brief assessment for your child. It is your child's responsibility to keep a log of everything they do, and this information will need to be input onto the DofE website. All three sections should be completed before the qualifying expedition in the summer.

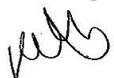
The expedition will consist of a three-day walking experience including two overnight camps which will be arranged by the school. Full training will be given by members of staff who have experience in leading expeditions and who hold nationally recognised qualifications. Your child will be expected to attend training sessions in preparation for their expedition, these will be held after school once a month for 1½ hours. Your child is expected to read and abide by the expedition code of conduct.

The proposed dates for the silver expeditions are 11, 12 and 13 October 2019 and 27, 28 and 29 March 2020. Candidates will be expected to attend on both weekends to qualify.

If your child is interested in undertaking the DofE you will need to complete and return the attached enrolment form and enclose a non-refundable fee of £26. The expedition code of conduct will need to be signed by both you and your child and returned to school.

Any queries do not hesitate to contact school.

With regards



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D of E Co-ordinators