

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am delighted to be able to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Silver Award to in Year 12, and your 6th former has expressed an interest in taking part.

Students working towards the Silver Award must complete 4 sections, in a similar way to Bronze:

- Volunteering: in your local community or at school for 6 months.
- Skills: a new or current skill for either 3 or 6 months (not sports based).
- Physical Activity: participation in a sporting activity for either 3 or 6 months.
- Expeditions – training will require a few top up sessions, rather than the weekly meetings for Bronze, and these will happen after school in the weeks before the expedition.

The practice expedition will be Tuesday 21st April to Saturday 25th April 2020 to the Wye Valley, and the assessment expedition will be Tuesday 31st June to Saturday 4th July 2019 to the Peak District National Park.

The Silver Award itself costs £290 to participate in, which includes £50 in fees. The main costs come from the two expeditions (training requirements, camp site fees, equipment hire, first aid equipment etc) which we estimate to be approximately £120 each time, bringing the total to £290. We require a non-refundable payment of £100 on registration, followed by further payments on the 1st February and the 1st of April.

Your 6th former will be fully supported by a team of staff at school, but successful participation in the Award also rests on the support of parents. They would need to support in arranging volunteering in the school / community, choosing activities that will fulfil the other sections, either from within or outside school, and then supporting whilst s/he works on these. Many of the activities your 6th former already does can count for the Award.

I believe that the Duke of Edinburgh's Award offers a great opportunity for determined students, who are prepared to fully commit to the requirements. If you would like your 6th former to take part, please make the initial payment by Wisepay by Monday 16th September 2019

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs V Langston

DofE co-ordinator