



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am delighted to be able to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Silver or Gold Award to students in the 6th Form.

Students working towards the Silver Award must complete 4 sections, while the Gold participants must complete an additional Residential section.

- Volunteering: in your local community or in school .
- Skills: a new or current skill.
- Physical Activity: participation in a sporting activity.
- Expeditions – 2 expeditions, and associated training activities.
- Residential (5 days/4nights away from home with unfamiliar people on a project) Gold only.

We can register and support students in school and they are able to use some of their activities, such as community service, towards the Award. Unfortunately we do not have the required Mountain Leader qualifications and so therefore participants would need to arrange and book expeditions in holidays periods. I can make some recommendations for Approved Activity Providers (APPs) and if a group wishes to participate together we can help support them in arranging this. Expeditions have a variety of costs and would need to be arranged and paid for directly with the organising company.

The Silver or Gold Award itself costs £50.00 to register, which is available to pay through Wisepay. This means that the student would be registered through school as an Award participant and is able to proceed with working towards their Award.. This registration stays live until eligibility to participate in the Award expires at age 25, although it is certainly best to complete the Award while in school with our support.

Successful participation in the Award also rests on the support of parents / carers. You would need to support your participant in arranging volunteering in the community, and helping to choose activities that will fulfil the other sections, either from within or outside school, and then supporting them whilst they work on these. The Award is a serious commitment so should not be undertaken because a friend is persuasive or solely for CV / UCAS and application reasons.

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. A Google Classroom will operate and a weekly drop in session will be available for students to discuss their progress and add evidence for their Award. If your daughter / son would like to participate please pay the registration fee on Wisepay by 12th December 2021, and ask them to look out for the link to the google classroom on the 6th form Hub.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs V Langston

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