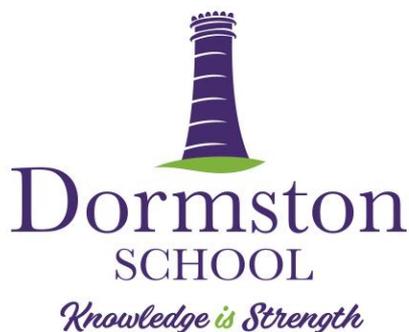


Our Ref: KON/DFX

December 2022

Selected Year 11 Parents/Carers



Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award

During the 2022/23 academic year we will be offering the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award to interested Year 11 pupils. The training sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings after school and will run from 3.00pm to 5.00pm (start date 18th January 2023). Training sessions will cover the practical skills required for the Expedition section of the Award, such as; map reading/compass work, tent pitching and basic first aid. Pupils will also receive guidance on the three other sections required for the Silver Award. *Please note Pupils will not need to attend **all** of these sessions **if they have already completed the Bronze Award.***

Benefits

The Award is widely recognised by employers and people involved in education. Some of the benefits to young people include developing self-confidence and self-reliance; gaining a sense of achievement and a sense of responsibility; discovering new skills, interests and talents and developing leadership skills and abilities. They can also discover exciting opportunities; make new friends; experience teamwork, problem-solving and decision-making; increase their motivation; enhance their self-esteem and develop their communication skills. They will also, of course, have fun!

Programme

The **Silver Award has 4 sections**. The sections involve:

- 1. Volunteering:** Undertaking service to individuals or the community.
- 2. Physical Activity:** Improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities
- 3. Skills:** Developing practical, social skills or personal interests.

Students will select activities which they can participate in regularly for an hour a week.

4. Expedition: The purpose of the Expedition is to encourage students to be self-sufficient and competent to use map and compass to follow a route. Students will work in group sizes of between four and seven. They will be required to complete the following expeditions in order to complete the award:

Practise Expedition: 3 days/2 nights walking expedition in the Peak District - Dates Easter 2023 TBC

Qualifying Expedition: 3 days/2 nights walking expedition in the Long Mynd - July 2023- Dates TBC

Transport will be by coach/minibus dependent upon numbers. Further details on expeditions will be given closer to the time.

Minimum time to complete the award: Silver 9 months – certificate awarded after leaving

Students must complete all expeditions for the award.



1. Total cost of Silver Award is £300

2. Students need to pay a £50 registration fee as a deposit. (This includes the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme administration fee and is therefore **non- refundable**).

3. A further £250 is then payable **for the above expeditions** (to include petrol and camp fees for all expeditions, instructors' fees at Navigation Education and an assessment fee for the final expedition with an Assessor).

Payments can only be made via ParentPay for which your child will require a barcoded letter.
To register for this award your child must see Mr Fox in A107 no later than Friday 16th December 2022.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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