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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Award Enrolment - Silver Level

We are pleased to inform you that we will be offering the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award next year. Students who have completed the Bronze level can embark upon this award. Students who have not been involved with the DofE Award can also sign up for the Silver level but one of the sections will need to be slightly longer than usual and there would be an additional cost.

Physical, Skill and Volunteering sections

For the Silver award students must complete sections for the timescales detailed below; they may use an existing activity or they might start something new. These sections can be completed at opportunities inside or outside of school. Students should start considering, researching and engaging in these opportunities as soon as possible- involvement can be back dated once they are enrolled.

Volunteering section: 6 months

Physical and Skills sections: One section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months

If students didn't complete the Bronze award, they must undertake a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.

Expedition

The expedition for the Silver award involves journeying and camping over 3 days and 2 nights. We hope to be visiting the Peak District and/or the Cotswolds for the expedition sections. Students will undertake a practice expedition, which will also involve a day of training on location. Students will then undertake a final assessed expedition.

Once we have gauged interest and have final numbers we will be confirming destinations.

Provisional dates:

Please note these are provisional dates and may be subject to change once we have firm numbers.

- Practice Expedition: Friday 10 June- Sunday 12 June 2022
- Qualifying Expedition: Friday 15 July- Sunday 17 July 2022

For the practice expedition it is envisaged that students will leave from Ashlyns in the morning. Once they arrive they will spend the rest of the day reviewing their skills and acclimatising to their surroundings. They will then camp on Friday night, before carrying out the expedition on Saturday and Sunday, returning to school on Sunday evening.

For the assessed expedition, we will travel up on Friday. Students will again have an opportunity to review their skills and prepare for the expedition. The expedition walk will then take place over Saturday, Sunday and Monday, with students returning home on Monday.

The estimated cost for taking part in the Silver Award will be between £285 and £350 depending on numbers. In cases of genuine financial hardship, please contact twilson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk in the Finance Office in confidence.

As with the other levels, once a student has enrolled they will be registered, insured with DofE and able to login to the eDofE system where all of their evidence for the scheme must be recorded.

Registering your interest

If your son/daughter would like to apply, then the first step is for them to complete the short Google form posted on their Intake 18 Google Classroom. The form asks students for basic details and also about what activities they would potentially do for the physical, skill and volunteering sections. See here for the [list](#). There are also links to details for each section on the DofE website posted on Google classroom to help students. The deadline for completing this form is Wednesday 1st December.

Yours sincerely

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