

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents,

You are receiving this letter because your child has expressed an interest in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award. To register, students do not need to have completed the Bronze Award. If students have started or registered for Bronze they can start Silver providing one section of their Bronze Award is complete.

The benefits of completing the Silver Award include:

- Development of the expedition skills taught at Bronze as the expeditions are longer and in more demanding terrain.
- Students that have completed Silver and wish to undertake Gold can complete the latter in 12 months rather than the usual 18 meaning that students can finish this within Year 12.

The total cost of the Silver Award is expected to be about **£350**, the actual amount will be confirmed once we know how many students register. This cost includes training days, staff to supervise each aspect of the expedition, all equipment hire, maps, route cards, assessors, eDofE registration and certificates. We can't register any candidate until the balance has been paid in full and once they have been registered, there can be no refunds.

**Important dates:**

**These dates are compulsory and your child must be available for all dates.**

\* **Silver training day – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

\* **Practice expedition – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

\* **Qualifying expedition – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

To complete their award your child will need to do one activity for each of the Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections. The duration of these sections are dependent upon whether your child has completed the Bronze award. Please see the tables below for timescales. It is important that for each section your child chooses an activity from the list of approved activities (contains almost everything imaginable) and has an appropriate person assessing them.

For students that have completed Bronze:

| Section            | Duration  |
|--------------------|---|
| Physical and Skill | One for 3 months, one for 6 months                      |
| Volunteering       | 6 months  |
| Expeditions        | Practice: 3 days, 2 nights; qualifier 3 days, 2 nights. |

For students that have **not** completed Bronze they must either follow option 1 or option 2:

| Section            | Option 1  | Option 2  |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Physical and Skill | One for 3 months, one for 6 months                      | One for 3 months, one for 12 months                     |
| Volunteering       | 12 months   | 6 months  |
| Expeditions        | Practice: 3 days, 2 nights; qualifier 3 days, 2 nights. | Practice: 3 days, 2 nights; qualifier 3 days, 2 nights. |

More information can be found on the DofE website: <http://www.dofe.org/>

**If your child would like to register for the Silver Award, please pay the £50 registration fee via parent pay and email me on [ajackson@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ajackson@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk), and I will send a registration pack electronically. Or have your child pick up a registration pack from myself. Additionally, if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.**

**The deadline for registration will be Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Jackson  
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager