

21st September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Students wishing to complete their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award

We hope that your son/daughter will consider registering to take part in completing their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award. I am sure you are aware that this is an internationally recognised youth award and we are keen for our students to have the opportunity to take part and complete as many levels of the award as they can. The Silver Award can be completed by young people who are in Year 10 or above and they can take until their 25th birthday to complete it. We would prefer them not to take that long and to progress onto their Gold Award soon after their 16th birthday if possible. Students do not have to have gained a Bronze Award to do the Silver Award. We welcome direct entrants to the Silver Level. As soon as I receive the registration form and payment, I can register for your son/daughter to start on the award as soon as possible.

The Silver Award has four sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical and Expedition. Students can carry on with the activities they used to complete their Bronze award if they completed it, however it is encouraged that they try some new activities as well. Whatever they are interested in we will do our best to find a section that it will fit into. We are planning for the Expedition training to start in Spring 2022. However in these new Covid times, we will of course be following government guidelines. It is currently planned that the expeditions will take place in the Summer Term 2022. Further information will follow once we are able to proceed with expeditions next year.

The cost of enrolling for the Silver Award is £40. This covers the cost of eDofE registration and administration charges. Student's now record details of their activities using either the eDofE website or App. Their welcome pack will be posted by the Award once they complete the registration online. This is taking up to four weeks to arrive at the moment. Students then add evidence, their log book page with photos, and an assessor report onto their eDofE account via the website. There will also be some cost for the expedition i.e. travel costs, insurance, assessor expenses and camp site fees. However, we will try our best to keep these to a minimum. I expect the cost of the two weekends to be approximately £70 for both. We will complete parental permission forms before the expeditions, so the information is up to date.

If you would like your son/daughter to be enrolled then please complete the Silver DofE enrolment form on the Budmouth website, in the parent's information section. Payment of £40 needs to be paid via Sims Pay. Once both have been received, I will register your son/daughter. We will be holding eDofE training sessions in October, to help students log into their eDofE accounts.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the award then you can contact me by e-mail at [stemple@budmouth-aspirations.org](mailto:stemple@budmouth-aspirations.org). You can also find more general information on the Award website [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)

Yours sincerely



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