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Dear Parent/Carer

Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award

I am delighted that your child would like to register to complete 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 take 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 your child to start achieving their award.

The Silver Award has four sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical and Expedition. Whilst students can carry on with the activities they used to complete their Bronze award if they completed it, 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 May 2027. It is currently planned that the expeditions will take place in the Summer 2027. Further information will follow.

The cost of enrolling for the Silver Award is £54.00. This covers the cost of eDofE registration and administration charges. Students record details of their activities using either the eDofE website or App. Students then add evidence to 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 £160.00 for both. We have been able to secure funding to reduce these costs for PP students.

If you would like your child to be enrolled then please complete the Silver DofE enrolment form. Please pay £54.00 via ParentMail. Once both have been received, I will register your child. We will be holding eDofE training sessions after school in November, 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 mphipps@budmouth-aspirations.org . You can also find more general information on the Award website www.dofe.org

Yours sincerely

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