



# THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

### Yr10 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award, 2019-2020

After a successful year of running Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, we would like to continue to offer Year 10 students the opportunity to take part in The Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award scheme. This is an area that the school prides itself in and your child, having either completed or on the way to completing, the Bronze Award, has the opportunity to take part. The Silver Award does need dedication and independence to complete.

The Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award has four sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. Depending on if your child has completed the Bronze Award in Year 9, the timings that they need to spend on each section is different to those students who are starting the Award at Silver level.

They need to complete two sections at 6 months (one must be volunteering) and one at 3 months - see example below:

*Volunteering section: for 6 months*

*Physical and Skills sections: 1 section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months*

Please note they can choose the same activity for Silver as they did for Bronze, but they need to show development in it. It's best to try something new!

This year, the Expedition element of the Award is being run by an external company called The School of Outdoors; more information can be found on their website, <https://www.schoolofoutdoors.uk/dofe#/>

The cost of the Expedition will be £220 (transport to and from the Expedition is not included). The area for the Expedition will be decided in consultation with the students in places such as the New Forest. This includes a training day that will take place in school by the company, a practice and qualifying Expedition.

The dates for the Expedition are:

Practice Expedition - 8/9/10 May 2020

Qualifying Expedition – 3/4/5 July 2020

It is essential that they attend both the practice and qualifying Expeditions to be able to pass this section.

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## **Cost**

If your child would like to undertake the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award, there is a non-refundable fee of £45 to cover the initial Introduction Pack and enrolment costs. Payment can be made through ParentMail, before Monday 2 December 2019. Should you have any issues accessing this site, please contact Mrs Newall on [gnewall@buckinghamschool.org](mailto:gnewall@buckinghamschool.org).

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 December 2019, after school, from 3.20pm until 4.15pm in PE2. At this meeting, all students must come with the attached sheet filled out indicating their choices of what they are going to do for each of their sections. This includes their assessor's name (cannot be a family member), assessor's details and how long they are choosing to do each section for. There is an 'ideas sheet' to help with deciding each section.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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