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The Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award 2024-25

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am excited to be able to offer your child the opportunity to participate in The Silver Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award. To complete the award, participants are required to complete 4 sections, including volunteering, physical, skill and expedition. More information about the different sections can be found here: <https://www.dofe.org/do/sections/>

If your child would like to take part, please complete the participant enrolment form, which can be found here https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwRy4F2yd7LY2tV6YXTTzCw4F-kghcG1zxoRVZK2YU9fuQ/viewform?usp=sf_link by **Monday 14 October**. Please ensure that your browser is logged into your child's school account to access the form.

The total cost of the Award is £310. A deposit of £155 to secure your child's place on the Award must be paid by Sunday 1 December.

Payment needs to be made before your child's place is confirmed on the Award

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| Deposit payment for the Award to include: individual registration and welcome pack | £155 | Friday 1 November |
| Payment for 5-day expedition package, which includes all training, an overnight practice and assessed expeditions. | £155 | Sunday 1 December |

Please note that payments once made are non-refundable.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY CASH AS PAYMENT WILL BE MADE THROUGH YOUR PARENTPAY ACCOUNT. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN TO DO THIS THROUGH YOUR ACCOUNT. PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE REGISTERED WITH PARENTPAY AND YOUR DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE.

If your child would like to participate but payment of £310 is difficult, there is the possibility of financial assistance. If you are interested in applying for financial support, please contact me before the deadline. Please do not delay your response because of funding concerns.

The cost of £310 includes:

- Registration with the Duke of Edinburgh Award
- All costs associated with the DofE Approved Activity provider delivering the Expedition (e.g. instructors, assessors, camp fees, insurance, tents, stoves, gas, maps)



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The cost **does not** include:

- Food whilst on expeditions
- Kit costs (other than those mentioned above) – e.g. rucksack, sleeping bag, sleeping mat, walking boots (a full kit list will be provided)
- Travel to and from the practice and assessed expeditions (The location is to be confirmed, however, it will be the local area and should be no more than 1 hour away by car from FCC).

The practice and assessed expeditions will be run by a Duke of Edinburgh Approved Activity Provider; BXM Outdoors. More information about the company can be found on their website

<https://www.bxmoutdoors.com/>

The contact details you submit on the enrolment form will be shared with BXM, so that they can contact you regarding your child’s medical requirements for the duration of the expeditions.

In order to take part in and complete the Award, your child **MUST** be able to attend the following key dates:

| Activity | Date and location |
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| Training day | Wednesday 29 January 2025 (held at FCC during PD day) |
| Practice Expedition, 3 full days including two overnight camps. | Friday 4 April – Sunday 6 April 2025 |
| Assessed Expeditions, 3 full days including two overnight camps. | Saturday 19 July – Monday 21 July 2025 |

Important note

Students will only be allowed to take part in the practice expedition (and the assessed expedition) if they have attended the training day on **Wednesday 29th January**.

If you have any further questions regarding The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award, please do not hesitate to contact me via doe@fcc.oxon.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Ms D Timpson
The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Manager



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