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Dear Parent/Guardian

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award 2019/20

Due to the success of the DofE Bronze Award with Year 9, we are pleased to be offering the Silver Award for the academic year 2019/2020. Participants from the whole year group (Year 10) are welcomed to enrol on the award, whether they have completed the Bronze Award or are a Direct Entrant for the Silver Award (this means that they have not completed the Bronze Award).

The Silver Award

If participants have completed and achieved the Bronze Award, they will need to complete the following timescales for each section:

- Volunteering – 6 months
- Physical – 3 months*
- Skills – 3 months*

****One of either the Physical or Skill section will also need to be 6 months – participants can select which one they would prefer.***

If participants have not participated or have not achieved the Bronze Award then they will need to complete the same timescales as above; however, you will need to complete a further 6 months in either Volunteering or the other longer section (Physical or Skill).

Expedition:

The expedition will be 3 days and 2 nights.

Expedition and Training Dates: (all sessions MUST be attended, as they are mandatory)

- **Training** – 28th March 2020 (All Day Saturday)
- **Practice Expedition** – 19th June – 21st June 2020 (starting Friday after school)
- **Assessed Expedition** – 18th July – 20th July 2020(missing the Monday off school)

Information regarding the practice and assessed expedition will be given out once enrolment is completed. We are looking at a local practice expedition but then perhaps heading to the Black Mountains in the Brecon Beacons for the assessed expedition. We have not confirmed this yet as we are looking in to the finer details of transportation. The dates above however, will not change.

Costs for DofE Silver Award

The cost for the DofE Silver Award includes the registration fee to enrol on the Silver Award through DofE, which is £45 as well as an expedition cost of £250. This will include the training day at school, which will cover the finer details of navigation and other important skills, as well as the practice expedition (3 days and 2 nights) and of course the assessed expedition of 3 days and 2 nights. Participants can also have use of tents, rucksacks and Trangias during the expedition. This will once again be through our Approved Activity Provider – WOLT (Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team).

Below is the enrolment form for the Silver Award. If you would like your child to be registered for the Silver Award for the year 2019-2020 please complete the enrolment form with your child’s details and return it to the school reception with the registration fee of £75 (through Parent Mail). The rest of the payments can be made October (£55) November (£55), January (£55) and February (£55) – the final payment must reach us before the end of February in order for your child to be able to take part in the training day. Alternatively, payment can also be made in full or in larger instalments, please contact the Finance Office to arrange other methods of payment.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

In enrolling on this award you and your child are agreeing to the behaviour policy of the school and the expectations of staff involved in the award. Any participant who fails to meet the behaviour expectations whilst completing the training or expeditions will be removed from the school expedition. Participants must ensure that they behave in a way that does not cause concern to staff members, harm to themselves or others and that has the potential to be hazardous in nature. Failure to meet the required behavioural standards necessary to be taken on an expedition in school will result in removal from the expedition section of the award, meaning that you will not be entitled to a refund. This also refers to any serious behavioural concerns within school and any causes for concern based on previous trips run through the school.

If you would like to discuss any of this further please contact Miss Richards – richardsc@st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk

Please ensure that you complete the enrolment form below as soon as possible in order to enrol your child on to the DofE Silver Award and return it to school confirming payment has been arranged via ParentMail or alternatively, enclosed with the payment either in full (£295) or instalment 1 (£75). Forms and payments should reach us no later than 27 September 2019.

Yours sincerely



David Forster
Headmaster

To: Reception DofE Manager: Miss Richards

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I give permission for my son/daughter to enrol on the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award. I have arranged payment of £295/£75 via ParentMail/enclosed a cheque/cash (please delete as appropriate). Please make cheques payable to St Augustine’s Catholic College.

Name of student: Form:

Consent for trip, signed: Date:

Contact telephone number: