

## Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in joining the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at **Silver** level. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is the world's leading achievement award for young people aged 14-24 years. As well as being a great opportunity for your child to try new activities or gain recognition for the things they are doing already, it really helps them to stand out from the crowd when it comes to job and college interviews. It gives them an achievement to put on their CV, lots to discuss at an interview and it also shows that they have developed a variety of the skills that employers are looking for. The award is highly valued and recognised by colleges, universities and employers around the world. Your child has been given some information about the structure of the award, but you can find out more by visiting the website [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org). The date of the walking expedition weekend is yet to be confirmed, however it will be finalised shortly.

For us to continue to operate, we have had to become a Licensed Organisation which requires us to pay an annual licensing fee and pay practical costs for expeditions and training. Unfortunately, we will have to pass some of these costs on to participants. Therefore, the cost of enrolment will be £90 and will include your official DofE welcome pack.

Should you wish your child to enrol, please complete all forms and return to Miss B Martin by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020**. Please make your payment through your child's online sQuid account. If the cost of the award makes it difficult for your son/daughter to take part, please contact me to discuss this further as some assistance may be available if your child is in receipt of free school meals.

Please be aware that it is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that activities which their child arranges to undertake outside college for the Volunteering, Skills and Physical activities sections of the DofE Award, are safe and that all adults working with them have been DBS checked.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information about any aspect of the award.

Yours sincerely

Briony Martin  
*DofE Manager*