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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Award**

I am writing to inform you that Year 10 students have the opportunity to take part in the silver level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. There are a limited number of places available with priority given to pupils who have successfully undertaken the Bronze section.

#### **What is involved:**

The Silver award is the next level for the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and requires participants to show an increased level of commitment to their sections, with four sections undertaken as follows: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the Expedition section.

#### **Silver timescales:**

Volunteering section: 6 months

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

Students who did not complete the Bronze Award must undertake a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.

The expedition consists of 3 days walking with two-night camping and this will continue to be run by Ocean Rock Adventure.

#### **Dates:**

Silver Practice expedition: July 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 2019

Silver Final expedition: September 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 2019

#### **Pupil Expectations**

Your son or daughter will have to fully commit to the programme and they will be fully supported and monitored to ensure they are uploading evidence and making progress towards completing all sections of the award, not just the expedition. Intervention with participants will take place if they are not making progress and they must have all completed volunteering, skill and physical sections completed before beginning the expedition section. For the expedition some equipment will be provided by Ocean Rock but items such as walking boots, waterproofs and food will need to be provided by parents as well as transport to and from the expedition venues. Further information such as kit lists and logistical arrangements will be issued following enrolment.



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### **How do you enrol and how much is it?**

The cost to enrol onto the Award is £250, which covers the cost of Ocean Rock training and expeditions, registration with the Duke of Edinburgh operating authority and administration costs. If you would like to enrol your son or daughter, you must make a non-refundable deposit payment of £100 by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019, using the ParentPay system, [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). If you do not have your log in details please contact our Finance Officer, at the school. Places will be available on ParentPay until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Further payments must be made as follows;

£50 by 25<sup>th</sup> February

£50 by 15<sup>th</sup> March

£50 by 5<sup>th</sup> April

Please complete the Duke of Edinburgh Participant Enrolment Form and the Silver program planner and return them both to the School Office. Please note that your child will not be enrolled until you have paid the deposit.

### **How do you find out more information?**

If you would like to find out more about the Award or have any questions, please email [enquiries@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:enquiries@oldfieldschool.com) FAO Mr John.

Yours faithfully

Mr D John  
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