



November 2021

Dear Parent,

For many years, Sheldon School has had the privilege of participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The school has helped hundreds of students achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold awards over the years and now is the chance for students in Y10 to take part.

D of E is often described as a life-changing experience for some and an opportunity to discover new interests and talents for others. It is seen as a tool to develop essential skills for life and work, a chance to make new friends and is a recognised mark of achievement across the world, respected by employers.

There are four sections to complete at the Silver level. The Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections each require one hour per week. Volunteering needs to run for 6 months. For Skills and Physical, one needs to run for 3 months, the other for 6 months. All can be done simultaneously. You don't have to have done the Bronze award to take part in the silver award. However, if you didn't do Bronze, you must undertake a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.

The final section is the Expedition where students will be given the necessary training at Sheldon School to organise and plan a 3 day walk and 2 night camp. The practice expedition is in March, the qualifying expedition is in July. An appropriate number of staff from Sheldon School will accompany the students to support their training and see to the pupils welfare during the weekends.

The D of E award scheme is not an essential part of the curriculum. Parents of those pupils attending are therefore asked to make a contribution of approximately £200 to participate. The exact costs are dependent on the number of students participating so we will be able to refine the total amount early next term when return slips have been counted. The cost includes the D of E subscription, log book, a Discount card for Cotswold Outdoor/Go Outdoor and all the transport for both the practice and qualifying weekends. The payments will be split into 3 separate instalments, (Term 3, Term 4 and Term 5), payable through Parent Pay.

If you're interested in taking part in the Silver Award, please sign and return the tear off slip below.

Yours sincerely,

R. Foo
Duke of Edinburgh Award Leader

Please return to Mr R Foo, Sheldon School Maths Faculty by 3pm on Friday 10th December 2021

Name of Pupil..... Tutor Group.....

I would like my child to participate in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme in the academic year 2021/2022 and I am prepared to contribute approximately £200 to cover the costs of the Award.

Signed..... (Parent/Guardian)

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