



Church of England School
Head of School: Mrs N J Adamson MA NPQH

13th December 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

Following the successful completion of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, previous Award holders are being offered the opportunity to complete the Silver Award scheme. As in the Bronze Award, students must complete four sections at Silver level. With assistance from the Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator and other trained assessors within the school, participants will select and set their objectives in each of the following areas:

- Volunteering: undertaking service to individuals or the community
- Physical: improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities
- Skills: developing practical and social skills and personal interests
- Expedition: planning training and completion of an adventurous journey in the UK.

Since your son/daughter's completion of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, some of the activities that students select have changed. For this reason, it is worth checking the Duke of Edinburgh website for the new options available. Students are able to continue with the sections that they completed for Bronze but this is only permitted if students can show progression from their previous level at Bronze. Furthermore, the timescale requirements also change at Silver level. Volunteering: 6 months (once a week); Physical and Skill: One section for 6 months, the other for 3 months (once a week); Expedition: 3 days and 2 nights.

Please find below the training and expedition dates:

- Training and Route Planning Day: Saturday 27th April
Location - Bishop Ramsey School, 9.00am to 4.00pm.
- Practice Expedition: Saturday 15th June to Sunday 16th June
Location – TBC.
- Qualifying Expedition: Friday 5th July to Sunday 7th July
Location - TBC.

The cost of the programme will be £100. This is reduced from last year's expedition as the students will no longer require the training costs from Wilderness Expertise. The cost includes all in-house training and assessment weekends, as well as accommodation and loan of expedition equipment. Students will need to provide their own food and clothing for the expeditions.

Due to a limited number of places (14) being available on the Award, students will need to write a short letter explaining why they would like to continue with the Duke of Edinburgh to the Silver Award. This should be handed to Mrs Bishop **directly** to ensure that the allocation of places is as fair as possible. The deadline for submission of the letters of application is Thursday 20th December 2018. Please also complete and return the attached reply slip.



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Email: office@bishopramseyschool.org ☞ Website: www.bishopramseyschool.org

Payment will be split into two instalments of £50. Once successful students have been selected, the first payment will be due by 3.00pm on Friday 18th January 2019. This will guarantee your son/daughter's place on the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The second payment of £50 will be due by 3.00pm on Friday 15th March 2019.

Payment should be made via ParentPay and selecting '**Silver Duke of Edinburgh – 2018/2019**'. Please note that ParentPay will only open for this item once the successful candidates have been notified. Should you have any concerns with respect to payment, please contact Mrs Hagon on 01895 671002, alternatively email parentpay@bishopramseyschool.org.

The school reserves the right to exclude students from a trip if their behaviour does not meet with the standards we expect on a day to day basis in school. Should a student be excluded from a trip, any monies paid will not be refunded.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact myself via email at abishop@bishopramsey.school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AMBishop". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Mrs A Bishop
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

Silver Duke of Edinburgh 2019

**Please return directly to Mrs Bishop in the MFL Office
by Thursday 20th December 2018**

Student's Name: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the DofE Award.

I have checked my son/daughter's medical details on Parent Portal and confirm that the details are correct and up-to-date. I agree to inform you of any changes between now and the trip.

In addition to the above please indicate below any medical conditions which may affect your son/daughter taking part in activities. No responsibility can be taken for conditions about which we have not been notified.

I consent to my son/daughter being given a mild painkiller (eg. Paracetamol) if considered necessary by the Party Leader.

I give my permission for my son/daughter to receive medical treatment in an emergency situation if as parent/carer I cannot be contacted.

I understand that if my son/daughter's behaviour in school is not acceptable then he/she may be withdrawn from the trip and any monies paid to that date will not be refunded.

I confirm that I will collect my son/daughter following the Expedition weekends.

I give permission for my son/daughter to make their own way home from Bishop Ramsey following the Training and Rout Planning day.

Signed: _____ Name: _____
(parent/carer)

Date: _____