



All Hallows Catholic College

A Voluntary Academy

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Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

Dear Parent / Carer

20th September 2023

We are delighted to be able to offer your Y10 child the opportunity to complete their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award this year. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is so much more than a 'pat on the back' for completing a programme of activities. It is recognition of a young person's successful journey of self-discovery and development, renowned by employers and universities alike for the qualities young people have who've achieved a DofE Award.

It is a balanced programme that develops the whole person – mind, body and soul, in an environment of social interaction and team working. There are 4 main sections to the award which all must be completed they are: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and expedition.

It will usually take your child at least 6 months to complete their programme if they have already achieved their Bronze, or 12 months if you've jumped straight into Silver.

The timescales for the sections are:

- Volunteering section: 6 months
- Physical and Skills sections: One section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months
- Expedition section: 3 days/2 nights

Silver Expedition dates are: 7th – 9th March 2024 & 4th – 6th July 2024.

If your child didn't participate in Bronze, they must undertake a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections. It's their choice which one and, though they can change their mind later. Knowing how long they are going to do it for will help to choose their activity and set their goals for each section.

The cost for the Silver award is £380. This includes the expedition costs, certification and badges, training for the expeditions, both the practice and assessed expeditions including camp fees and equipment and trained outdoor leadership staff.

To secure a place on the Silver award we require a non-refundable deposit of £40 per student. This will cover the enrolment pack, discount card and access to the DofE portal. There will be an option on parent pay to pay the balance in instalments.

In order for you to enrol on to the award please pay the deposit via parent pay by 31st October 2023.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. My email is s.barron@allhallows.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Mr Scott Barron



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