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Duke of Edinburgh Award

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be offering the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award to your child this year. The DofE is a prestigious award which is well recognised by universities, colleges, and employers.

What is the Duke of Edinburgh Award?

The Award consists of four sections: Skill, Physical, Volunteering, and the Expedition. Students will choose an activity for each of the first three sections (skill, physical, and volunteering) and can get started on this straight away. This can be something they are already doing, such as being part of a sports team or learning a musical instrument. They can also take up a new activity, for example joining a new school club.

Students can start their skill, physical, and volunteering activities as soon as they have enrolled. Ideas can be found on the Duke of Edinburgh Website, <https://www.dofe.org/do/ideas/>. The timescales for these sections depend on whether they completed their Bronze Award or not – more information is available at <https://www.dofe.org/do/timescales/>.

Students who complete these three sections will be invited to attend the expedition, which is the final part of the Award. This consists of three days walking and two nights camping, which will take place in the summer.

For students taking part in the expedition, there will be a practice expedition for two days and one night on either 18 to 19 May 2023 or 25 to 26 May 2023. The expedition will take place from 5 June to 7 June 2023. Students will need to be available on all three sets of dates, we will confirm specific dates in due course.

What will it cost?

At this stage, we are asking parents and carers to pay £30 for registering with the DofE. Further information about the expedition costs will be provided in January, should your child choose to take part in the expedition.

There is some funding available to support students wanting to take part in the award if circumstances might make funding the trip more difficult. Please do get in touch with us if you would like to discuss this further.

Next Steps

If your child would like to complete their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award this year, please complete the attached permission slip and medical form by Thursday 3 November. A compulsory briefing meeting will be held after school on 3 November in Room 0311.

The £30 can be paid through MCAS.

If you have any questions, feel free to email the DofE email address on dofe@thomastallis.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

 

Abbie Cooper and Ferghal Crowley
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinators

Name of Student: _____

Tutor group: _____

Please tick the correct column	Yes	No
I give permission for my child to participate in in the Dofe Silver award, is available to attend all three dates and have paid the £30.00 registration for my child to attend.		
I give permission for the teacher in charge to authorise any urgent medical treatment.		
My child has a medical condition or allergy (details below) which may affect them on this trip.		
My child has dietary needs (details below) may affect them on the trip.		

Emergency contact number: _____

Signature of parent or carer: _____

Date: _____