

September 2019



Dear Parent/Carer

### Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award 2020

Following our introductory presentation, your son/daughter has expressed an interest in signing up to the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, starting in October 2019.

The Award is a world leading achievement programme, which gives young people the opportunity to be the very best they can be. The Award pushes students to do new things, which will help them grow in confidence and develop useful skills. It will give them the opportunity to meet new people, as well as put them a cut above the rest when applying for a job or University.

We are looking to launch the Gold level Award, which includes volunteering, physical activity and learning a new skill, as well as taking part in the expedition section and completing a residential. The length of the volunteering, physical activity and skill will depend on the student's previous experience with DofE, however, students who have never completed any DofE Award can still very much take part. There will be two expeditions, a practice and an assessed, lasting 3 days & 2 nights (in April) and 5 days & 4 nights (in July) respectively. There will also be frequent training meetings to prepare students for their expeditions and advise them on other sections of the Award.

We are looking to recruit 28 students, however we envisage this opportunity to be quite popular and therefore if we receive a larger number of replies, we will operate a "letter of interest" selection process. The cost, based on this number of students, is £400. This will include camping fees, hire of equipment, cost of registration, wear and tear and transport. Should we be unable to recruit 28 students, then the cost will increase.

**If your son/daughter is interested in taking part in the Award, please return the below slip to Mrs N Papaspyrou by 30<sup>th</sup> September.** Should the number of replies exceed 28, students may need to be selected (this will happen by the 4<sup>th</sup> October) and the first payment will be due by 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Payment can be made in three instalments of: £250 (October); £75 (December); and £75 (March) – this is based on the 28 students.

**Should students decide to withdraw from the Award after they have signed up, any refund will only be made if they can be replaced. We will be unable to refund the first £65 of any refund made as the Award is purchased for the individual student which will be in their name and this cannot be transferred to another student.**

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Executive Headteacher: Roisin Paul**

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Yours sincerely

*N Papaspyrou*

Mrs N Papaspyrou  
DofE Manager



Silverdale School – Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST RETURN DEADLINE 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child to have the opportunity to take part in DofE Gold and give permission for my child to take part. I understand the conditions should my child decide to withdraw from this scheme.

**No payment is due until your child's place is confirmed by 4 October and then we require £250 by 11 October**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Carer

**PLEASE RETURN PERMISSION SLIP TO MRS PAPASPYROU BY 30 SEPTEMBER**