

September 2019



Dear Parent/Carer

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award 2020

Following our introductory presentation, your son/daughter has expressed an interest in signing up to the Bronze 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, whilst still having fun. 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 Bronze level Award, which includes volunteering, physical activity and learning a new skill, as well as taking part in the expedition section. Two of the above sections will need to be carried out for a period of 3 months, whilst the third will be for a period of 6 months. There will be two expeditions, a practice and an assessed, both lasting two days and one night – dates to be confirmed. Students must be in Year 9 in order to take part in the Award and the majority of the team need to be at least 14 in age at the time of the expedition.

We are looking to recruit 42 students, however we envisage this opportunity to be quite popular and therefore if we receive a larger number of replies, we will operate a “names out of a hat” selection process. The cost, based on this number of students, is £220. This will include camping fees, hire of equipment, cost of registration and wear and tear. Should we be unable to recruit 42 students, then the cost will increase. We ideally would like to run the Award with a minimum of 28 students, bringing the cost up to £250.

If your son/daughter is interested in taking part in the Award, please return the below slip to either Mrs N Papaspyrou or Mrs S Manning by 4th October. Should the number of replies exceed 42, students will then be selected by 10th October and the first payment will be due by 15th October.

Payment can be made in three instalments of: £110 (October); £55 (December); and £55 (March) – this is based on the 42 students or £125 (October); £60 (December); and £65 (March) – based on 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 £55 of any payment made as the Award is purchased for the individual student which will be in their name and this cannot be transferred to another student.

Executive Headteacher: Roisin Paul

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We are hoping to make the Award as inclusive as possible. If your son/daughter takes part in the Bronze Award we will include an option to make a £10 contribution, when signing up and paying for the Award; this will go towards our Access Fund for students who may need it.

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

Yours sincerely

N Papaspyrou & S Manning

Mrs N Papaspyrou & Mrs S Manning
DofE Leaders

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Silverdale School – Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

CONSENT RETURN DEADLINE Friday 4 October

Name: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my child to take part in the Bronze DofE Award. I understand the conditions should my child decide to withdraw from this scheme.

Signed: _____ Parent / Carer

PLEASE RETURN PERMISSION SLIP TO MRS MANNING OR MS PAPASPYROU