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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 10 - Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) – Silver Award

We are delighted to be able to run the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) again at Newlands for 2021-22. We will be running the Silver Award for all eligible* Year 10 students who wish to participate.



*Students must be at least 15 years old by the end of the school year 2021-22.



Why do DofE?

Doing the DofE is a brilliant way for your child to discover just how much they are capable of. It gives young people the chance to make new friends, follow their passions, learn new skills and make a difference in our community. Achieving a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too. It also helps young people to see themselves differently and gain a new level of confidence.



The DofE is non-competitive and a powerful way for every young person to build belief in themselves, whatever their background, interests and abilities.

A Silver DofE programme has 4 sections: (Regular commitment of 1 hour a week would be expected in each of the first 3 sections).



Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition
6 months	One section for 6 months, the other for 3 months.		Plan, train for and complete a 3 day and 2 night expedition.
A further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills Sections			

Students must be able to embark on each of these sections as soon as we are able to start the programme.



Alongside the mandatory elements of the award the students will be required to attend regular after school training and skills sessions to prepare for the expedition. This will include map reading and navigation, camp craft, camping stove cooking and first aid.



Provisional Dates (TBC):

Practice Expedition - Saturday 9th - 11th July 2022. Location: Chiltern Hills. (Parents to drop of and pick up students)

Assessed Expedition – Thursday 1st - 3rd September 2022. Location: The South Downs (Coach to pick up and drop students back at Newlands)



Approximate Cost: £350

At the moment costs are provisional and to make this more definite we need to know how many students want to embark upon the Award. This cost will include the application and admin fees, the expedition (using an external provider) and coach cost to the assessed expedition.

Students taking part will need to purchase a number of items including: a good pair of walking boots, waterproof trousers and jacket, a rucksack and sleeping bag for the expedition. A full list of requirements will be sent once students have officially enrolled. If you need finance assistance, please contact me on the school number above.

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Please take your time to find out more about The Duke of Edinburgh's Award by visiting www.dofe.org. I have also attached some of the acceptable activities for the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections to give you an idea of what can be chosen.

If your daughter is interested in participating in the programme, please complete the reply slip below and return to Mrs McNally by **Friday 19th November 2021**. We will then be able to establish an exact cost for this activity as well as dates when these payments will be due.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A. McNally
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*Please return to Mrs McNally in the Business Department or to your Form Tutor by **Friday 19th November 2021***

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Name:

Form:

My daughter would like to participate in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and will be able to attend all scheduled meetings.

Signed:

Date: