16 July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

The Duke of Edinburgh Award – Silver

Rickmansworth School are running the Silver Duke of Edinburgh award next year for Year 10 students however, we are currently have 12 spaces available these will form two teams. We are going to offer these places to Year 12 students starting in September who have completed their Bronze Award.

As your aware the award requires a great deal of time, effort and commitment from the members of the scheme, it can also be costly. Students will need to complete the three sections; Skill, Volunteering and Physical. They must compete two sections for 6 months which must include one being the volunteering section. They can then choose the skill or Physical for 3 months.

When are the expeditions?

22 to 24 September 2018 Practice Expedition in New Forest (Leaving Saturday Morning and returning Monday evening)

20 to 23 June 2019 Qualifying Expedition in Wales – This is being run by Expedition Wales a Duke of Edinburgh Approved Activity Provider (Leaving Thursday after School and returning Sunday Night)

There will also be one full day of training lead by Expedition wales that students must attend. This may fall during the holidays/inset day or weekend but the date is yet to be confirmed.

Students are required to attend both the Practice and the Qualifying dates.

The cost for the award will be £262. The first instalment of this will be due in 21 September 2018 prior to the Practice Expedition.

Applications

If you wish to be considered for a place on this Award students must register an interest with Miss J Baron before the start of the new School Year in September on the following email address DofE@rickmansworth.herts.sch.uk. Students must have completed their Bronze Award fully before moving onto the next level. If more students apply than places are available, we will offer places on random selection. Students will be informed in the first week of the term if they have been successful in gaining a place on the award.

Planning

As the first expedition takes place very soon students will need to work on the maps remotely and there will be further training put on in the first weeks of the term to help the students increase the navigation ability.

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If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me at the School on the following email address DofE@rickmansworth.herts.sch.uk. Alternatively, general information can be found on the Duke of Edinburgh website, www.dofe.org

Yours sincerely

Miss J Baron
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator
Rickmansworth School
To: Miss J Baron  
Re: The Duke of Edinburgh Award – Silver

Student Name .................................................................................................................

Form & Teaching Group .................................................................................................

Having read and understood the details of the visit as set out in the letter of 16 July 2018, I wish my son/daughter to be considered for a place on the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

☐ I acknowledge the need for my son/daughter to behave responsibly and agree to the School’s procedures in this respect. Although the staff of the School escorting the party will exercise due care and attention, I understand they cannot necessarily be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury, which may befall my child named above during or as a consequence of the journey and visit.

☐ I understand that students will not be accompanied at all times during the expedition phase of the award.

☐ I understand that students are responsible for organising their own activities and that the School will not be carrying out any checks on the suitability of the provider. Such measures are the responsibility of the parent/carer. Failure to complete 2 of the 3 sections will prevent my child’s participation on the expedition.

☐ Should my child be offered a place, I will ensure that the first payment instalment of £100 is made prior to the 21 September, payable to Rickmansworth School

☐ The School may be able to assist you with payments for the scheme, if you are unable to meet the cost (please indicate if this applies to you)

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