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Dear Parents/Carers

The Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award Enrolment

Firstly apologies for the delay in launching the Silver award, I have just been asked to take on this along with running the Bronze award. Further to the presentation held today, I am writing to inform you of the details regarding your son/daughter's enrolment on the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award Scheme.

Registration Process

Enrolment will take place on **Wednesday 24 January in Eden IT during lunchtime only**. Potential participants should bring along the completed forms attached this letter, which provides details of what they have organised for their three sections of the Award.

As mentioned in the assembly, students should already have a good idea when they come to sign up of what they intend to do for the Skill, Service and Physical Recreation sections of their Award. I hope that many students have been successful in getting this underway.

Further information about the Award and details of possible activities can be found on the Duke of Edinburgh Award website (www.dofe.org), via the Curriculum section of the Oxted School website (www.oxtedschool.co.uk), via email (lbanwell@oxtedschool.co.uk) or by contacting me here at the school. A list of suggested activities for each section of the award have also been provided with this letter.

Cost of the Award

The cost of the Silver Award is £250.00 per student. This includes the registration fee, their own compass and all additional costs incurred, such as the training day, travel to the practice expedition start points in the Ashdown Forest, travel to and from final expedition in the New Forest, campsite fees, cooking equipment and fuel, and administration costs.

Payment should be made using the online payment system and your Tucasi log in. If you have not received your unique Pupil Link Code to set up your online account, please contact financesf@oxtedschool.co.uk to forward the details you require. If you wish to set up a payment plan this can be arranged by contacting the Finance Office financesf@oxtedschool.co.uk. Please return the attached reply slip to the Finance letterbox by **Thursday 1 February 2018**.

Please be aware that if your son or daughter chooses to withdraw from the Award the programme fee can regrettably **NOT BE REFUNDED**.



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Additional Information

The emphasis of the Expedition section will be to develop sound navigation skills. The programme has been designed to ensure that there is no negative impact on the students GCSE exams, so both the practice and qualifying expedition take place after the last GCSE exam for all exam boards (see the attached list of programme dates for more information).

The greatest cost of the Award is time. Once your child has embarked on the Award it is hoped that he or she will see it through. Without parental encouragement or involvement this is not often possible. Although the expeditions take place after the exams, some parts of the course will be occurring throughout the school year, and unless your child is prepared to meet the demands placed upon him or her, we generally advise against participation. Participants will be eligible to be taken on an expedition if, and only if, they have begun the skill, service and physical recreation components of their award. If your son/daughter completes the Silver, then he or she may move on to begin the Gold Award in Year 12.

I know many employers, colleges and universities consider the scheme a valuable qualification in itself and, therefore, a child with this award has a distinct advantage upon leaving school.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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Please return to the 'Finance Letterbox' no later than Thursday 1 February

The Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award 2017-2018

I confirm that my son/daughter would like to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award.

Student Name Tutor Group:

- I have made payment online for £250.00
- I am unable to make payment online and enclose a cheque for £250.00 (Cheque payable to Oxted School)

Signature of parent/carer Date