



05 September 2017

Dear parents,

Your son / daughter has the opportunity to participate at the Silver level of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme this year.

This pack comprises:

- This letter
- Practice Expedition information sheet
- Practice Expedition consent form
- Registration application

In order to help make the decision of whether or not to accept a place on this scheme, I would like to make you aware of the following details.

The expeditions will occur on these dates:

Practice expedition: Thursday 28th September to Saturday 30th September 2017 (to Exmoor)

Assessed expedition: Wednesday 28th March to Friday 30th March 2018 (to The New Forest)

Costs are as follows:

Registration and access to eDofE: £19.00 (payable by Friday 22nd September 2017)

Practice expedition: £75.00 (payable by Friday 22nd September 2017)

Assessed expedition: £60.00 (payable by Friday 23rd March 2018)

The dates of these expeditions are fixed and sadly, if they are not convenient, then your son / daughter will not be able to participate in the scheme. There is no flexibility in our calendar due to other expeditions at Bronze and Gold level.

If you wish your son / daughter to participate in Silver D of E, please complete the registration application and consent form, and return them to the **Pupil Services Desk** by **Thursday 14th September**. There is a limited number of places for DofE silver so, if we are oversubscribed, priority will be given to those who have signed off the volunteering, physical and skill section of their Bronze DofE. Following this, names will be drawn at random. Pupils should start to think about groups (minimum of 4 maximum of 7) and we will sort these early in the week beginning 18th September. It is important to note that there is a tight turn around for this expedition and students will need to be flexible to help in each aspect of the expedition planning.

To make your payment, please go to www.parentpay.com and enter in your username and password. Please choose the correct service and make your payment, you will be unable to complete the transaction until you have clicked on the 'consent' box. If you would prefer to pay by cash, you may do so at your local Paypoint retailer using a barcoded letter. Please request this letter from Ranmore Office. Please note that payments are non-refundable as the school makes a financial commitment to companies based on the number of places required. If you haven't activated your account and need help or have any queries please contact the school at parentpay@ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk. Note that you may also pay for the assessed expedition in advance if you wish.

Yours sincerely,

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