



LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

4th October 2024

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award - Launch

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to offer the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme to all students in Year 10, they do not have to have done the bronze award previously to partake in the award. I look forward to our young participants challenging themselves over the next year. We offer a mixed programme of supported opportunities and independent activities to enable each participant the chance to complete their award.

The award is split into four sections: physical, skills, volunteering and expedition. The academy will support your child with each aspect of the course, however there is an emphasis on independence when organising the skill, volunteering and physical sections of the scheme. Each section is to have an assessor (they must not be a family member though) and the participant must choose a length of time and goals to try and achieve. At least one of the sections must be over six months but the others can be just three. Throughout their DofE journey your child will be given clear instructions on what activities can count towards each section. This will be monitored through our regular session 6's.

We are delighted to have on board for this year's cohort a specialist expedition company that are going to be running our expeditions, the company is going to provide training for the participants whilst also ensuring that the participant is organised for the trip. They will be providing students with modern equipment of tents and stoves to support them when completing both the practice expedition and the qualifier.

The total cost for the silver DofE award 2024/25 is £298. This is split up into £28 registration fee, and £270 for the 7-day expedition package which includes the following;

- 1 day training and route planning
- 3-day practice expedition, the first day is training ensuring groups have all the appropriate skills and cover the DofE framework.
- 3-day assessment with assessors

Participants will however need to provide their own personal equipment such as rucksack, clothes and food (Due to individual dietary requirements).

We aim to provide the expedition programme on the following dates:

- Training day held at school – Date (TBC)
- Practice expedition – Wednesday 30th April- Friday 2nd May 2025
- Qualifying expedition – Wednesday 2nd- Friday 4th July 2025



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If this is an opportunity you would like your child to take part in, please ensure that the deposit of £74.50 is paid via ParentPay by Friday 8th November 2024. You will also need to complete an enrolment form by the same date as the deposit, the form can be handed in at school reception. This will ensure the registration packs arrive by the first week of training. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer any refunds after the 22th November therefore please do consider if this is something you wish your child to do and will continue throughout the year.

The outstanding balance of £210 can be paid in three instalments, three instalments of £74.50 on the 6th December 2024 and 17th January 2025, and the final instalment by the Friday 28th February 2025. If you require financial assistance to help contribute to the cost of the award, please speak to myself as we have resources where we can support eligible participants.

Our first session will begin on Thursday 28th November 2024. This session will be to introduce the award to participants and get them set-up onto the e-DofE platform that they will use to track their progress.

If you are interested in your child participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme this year, I would like to invite you to a talk where we will be explaining the award scheme and how we will be running the expedition aspect of the award. The talk will be hosted on school site on Monday 21st October 2024 5:30pm. Please come along if you have any questions

Should you need any further information regarding the Duke of Edinburgh Award, please follow the QR code below or visit this link www.dofe.info/en/content/cms/doing-your-dofe/



Yours faithfully,

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