



12th January 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

Just before Christmas I discussed the opportunity for students in Year 10 to join the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Programme and your child has expressed an interest in signing up to the programme. We would like to sign the students up over the next few weeks so that they can begin their award formally this month.

The silver award is a significant commitment and involves a programme of between 6 and 12 months taking part in volunteering, physical activity, skill development, and two expeditions. The cost of completing the award is £190 and this can be paid off in instalments over the year.

Instalments would be as follows:

- £90, end February
- £50 end of March
- £50 end April

Payments cover the following:

- Initial registration
- Welcome pack
- Assessors fees
- Leaders fees/training
- Bus hire
- Replenishment of stock including (tents/rucksacks/trangias/roll mats/gas/maps/compasses/first aid/emergency shelters)
- Campsite fees

Payment can be made by logging on to your ParentPay account and selecting 'D of E Silver Award 2024'.

If the cost of the programme seems like it may be a barrier to taking part, please do get in touch with us to see how we may be able to help out.

I will be meeting regularly with students to help them log and sign off their different sections, offering advice and guidance on how they can complete these in a timely fashion.



SILVER

Volunteering 6 months	
Physical	one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months
Skills	

Expedition **3 days 2 nights**



Plus an extra 6 months in the Volunteering, or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections if you haven't got Bronze.

- Volunteering section: 6 months
- Physical and Skills sections: One section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months
- Expedition section: 3 days/2 nights

If a student did not do their Bronze Award, they must undertake a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections so that one section totals 12 months.

It is important that students, parents, and carers understand this commitment from the outset. Each year we have several students who begin the award and do not finish it as they cannot commit the time to the sections that need to be completed outside of school.

There was a strong expression of interest from students so I wanted to set the programme out to you in a letter so you can decide if you would like to support your child's involvement.

We will host a brief parent and carer information and recruitment session ahead of the first training meeting at 5:30pm on Wednesday 17th January. We would request that each student attends with a parent or carer. Students would then stay for the first introductory session from 6pm until 7:30pm with our team of Silver Award leaders and those who are interested but undecided can then have a discussion with parents following the induction and make a decision about whether they wish to commit to the programme.

The scheduled dates for your diary are shown on the next page.

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Training Dates

Wednesday 17th January 2024: 6-7.30pm training @ Stokesley School Youth Centre

Wednesday 24th January 2024: 6-7.30pm training @ Stokesley School Youth Centre

Saturday 3rd February 2024: 9.30am - 3pm training @ Stokesley School Youth Centre

Wednesday 28th February 2024: 6-7.30 training @ Stokesley School Youth Centre

Saturday 2nd March 2024: Navigation walk and training 9.30am - 3pm Navigation and training walk

Wednesday 13th March 2024: 6-7.30pm training @ Stokesley School Youth Centre

Wednesday 17th April 2024: 6-7.30pm training @ Stokesley School Youth Centre

Wednesday 24th April 2024: 6-7.30pm kit issue @ Stokesley School Youth Centre

Practice Expedition Dates

Friday 26th April 2024 - Sunday 28th April 2024: Rosedale (North York Moors)

Training Dates

Saturday 11th May 2024 :9.30am - 3pm Assessed planning @ Stokesley School Youth Centre

Wednesday 12th June 2024: 6-7.30pm kit issue @ Stokesley School Youth Centre

Assessed Expedition

Friday 14th June 2024 - Sunday 28th June 2024: Lealholm (North York Moors)

Additional training sessions will be held depending on student availability during the school day and after school, but students will receive advanced notice.





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My intention is to have regular keeping in touch sessions with the students on lunchtimes to help them progress through the sections of their award and ensure they are on track to complete before the exams begin in Year 11. If you have any further questions about the award please contact me at school on headteacher@stk.areté.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr M Fenwick
Headteacher

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