

Year 11 - Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award 2021/2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We are excited to offer your child the opportunity to take part in the **Silver level Duke of Edinburgh Award**. This is a highly regarded and valuable award, which will help your child to develop a wide range of skills. The award is broken down into 4 sections, all of which must be completed to gain certification.

*** If you didn't do Bronze, you must undertake a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.**

Volunteering	6 months	
Physical	3/6 months	One of these activities must be extended to 6 months
Skill	3/6months	
Expedition	1 training day in school – campcraft, maps and navigation, food and first aid – 1st of April 2022 1 training expedition at Exmoor – 3 days and 2 nights – 8th – 10th of April 2022 1 assessed expedition at Dartmoor – 3 days and 2 nights – 15th – 17th of July 2022 Please note : Please check participants are able to attend all dates before placing deposit.	

***Please note, if the participant has entered at Bronze level all sections must be signed off and complete to continue at Silver.** More information can be found on the website : <http://www.dofe.info/>

Mendip Outdoor Pursuits – Expedition

Fairfield High School has invited Mendip Outdoor Pursuits to provide training and safety supervision for the expedition section of the award. Mendip Outdoor Pursuits has been providing D of E training courses since 1990; and are a D of E Approved Activity Provider. Mendip Outdoor Pursuits trained and qualified facilitators have had many years of experience working with a large number of school and colleges. The D of E training has strong elements of team work incorporated within the framework and Fairfield High School believes that this benefits the students in furthering their academic careers. Please take a moment to have a look at their website :

<https://mendip.me/>

The course will cover the following elements:

- First Aid and Emergency Procedures
- An Awareness of Risk and Health and Safety Issues
- Navigation and Route Planning
- Preparatory Map Skills
- Practical Map Skills
- Compass Skills
- Camp Craft Equipment and Hygiene
- Food and Cooking
- Countryside, Highway and Water Sports Codes
- Observation Recording and Presentations
- Team-building
- Proficiency in the Mode of Travel

Attendance on each of the training days, and the training and assessment expeditions is mandatory for completion of the Expedition section of the Award.

Commitments

Teams of students will be required to meet a number of deadlines over the course and attend regular briefings and meetings in school to review their training and also following the assessment plan. The dates of all these will be given out at the first training session supported by emails, notice boards and extra resources. Its important that we make it clear that students behaviour and attitude needs to be in line with school policy whilst out of the school grounds.

Cost : Total Cost, per pupil: £240

The cost will include all the training and most of the transport but you would need to provide your own food and most of the camping equipment. Options to hire will be available.

A £40 non-refundable deposit is required by Friday 22nd of October 2021. This deposit will confirm participants place on the DofE award. Payment can be made via Payments in ParentMail.

***Please note the deposit is non-refundable as this will be used to cover the cost of sign up to the award.**

The deadline for further payments is **Friday 17th of December 2021**, however you are welcome to pay in full from the start. If you would like to discuss a payment plan, or are entitled to free school meals or if you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact our DofE Manager, Miss K Moffat kmoffat@fairfield.excalibur.org.uk or speak with the Achievment Co-ordinator for your year group.

Kindest Regards

Manager for Duke of Edinburgh Award at Fairfield High School

Miss K Moffat



Silver Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – Sign up Confirmation

Student Name _____ **Tutor Group** _____

I give permission for my child to take part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

My son/daughters medical records are up to date

I confirm that I have paid £40 / £240 on Parentmail to secure this place and commit to meeting the other payment deadlines as stated above

My son/daughter is entitled to Free School Meals

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer) Date _____