



# Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## **Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award**

As you may be aware, we have recently increased our Duke of Edinburgh Award as an extra-curricular activity. If your son is interested in taking part in the Silver award we would now like to start enrolment. We will be continuing our partnership with the external outdoor provider, H5 Adventure, to ensure successful completion of the expedition section.

The overall cost, including training day, practice expedition, qualifying expedition and licensing is expected to be around £292.00. This cost will be split into 3 payments: £22 deposit and 2 payments of £135.

Please ask your son to collect an enrolment form from Reception and return it to the DofE box in Reception by **Wednesday 23rd October 2019**.

### **Payment schedule:**

**Deposit payment - £22 : Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019**

**Instalment 1 - £135 : Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Instalment 2 - £135 : Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

To pay please access WisePay through your sons Insight account and select **'WisePay Finance Portal'** the item can be found under the **[Trips and Visit Tab](#)**. If you have any issues accessing WisePay please email [Trips@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:Trips@bws.wilts.sch.uk), Parents/Guardians who may find it difficult to meet the deadline for payment should contact the Finance Office on ext 260.

Below is a general outline of what the award entails, but of course the Duke of Edinburgh website will give a broader overview. We expect the boys to complete all sections of the award, or have a very close end date, before taking part in the practice expedition next year. This will ensure, we feel, that they will complete their award. They will need to find and record an assessor for each activity and add this information onto their 'edofe' account for our approval.

### **Four sections to the Silver DofE Award:**

**Volunteering:** for a non-profit making organisation or undertaking service to individuals or the community, eg scout leader, sporting volunteering at football/rugby etc working in a charity shop, helping primary school pupils with maths etc.

**Physical:** improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities, trying something new.

**Skills:** developing practical and social skills and personal interests, eg gaining the next grade with a musical instrument, any extra-curricular language, life-saving skills, and cooking are some examples.

**Expedition:** As part of the training day he will learn to safely cook on Trangias, map reading, navigation, planning routes, putting up and taking down tents, personal safety, and first aid and what to do in an emergency. This includes an overnight practice expedition to train for the completion of the qualifying expedition. (Parents/Guardians to provide transport to and from expedition).

- Training day at Bishop Wordsworth's School: **Sun 15 March 2020**
- Practice Expedition – New Forest: **Fri 15 May-Sun 17 May 2020**
- Qualifying Expedition – New Forest: **Fri 5 June-Sun 7 June 2020**

**Please check these dates** before booking your holidays as your son will need to attend all of the above!

For his Expedition section, he will need to plan, train for and complete an unaccompanied, self-reliant expedition with an agreed aim. He must do the correct training for his level and mode of travel, at least one practice expedition, a qualifying expedition (the one that is assessed) and a final presentation in order to complete the section. The presentation is a verbal presentation given at the end of his qualifying expedition. A recommended kit list can be found on the DofE page on the school web site.

\* Volunteering section – 6 months

Physical and Skills – one for 6 months and one for 3.

If your son has not completed the Bronze award he must undertake a further 6 months in either Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.

Please ensure that we have current emergency contact details and details of any medical conditions and that your son takes all necessary medication with him on this trip. These details can now be checked through the Insight Parent Portal, otherwise please contact Mrs Sarah Hayward [sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk) to update your son's information.

The Duke of Edinburgh website is available for further information. My role as their DofE Co-Ordinator is to oversee the successful completion of the expedition section with the services of H5 Adventure; we are also supported by volunteer teaching staff, volunteer parent helpers and the admin support of Mrs Sally Jones.

Yours sincerely

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Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator  
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## Expedition details

**Silver Practice** – New Forest

Fri 15 May-Sun 17 May 2020

All participants will be expected to make their own way for 1000, (car sharing), to Bolton's Beech car park, Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst (SO43 7BQ) on Friday 15 May.

Fri 15 May (overnight)      Ferney Crofts Scout Campsite, Beaulieu Road, Beaulieu, Brockenhurst SO42 7YQ

Sat 16 May (overnight)      Tile barn Outdoor Centre, Church Ln, Brockenhurst SO42 7UB

Groups aim to finish between 1300-1500 hrs. This will, of course, depend on their efficiency clearing the campsite and their pace. Collection will be the same as the drop off – Bolton's beech car park.

**Silver Qualifying** – New Forest

Fri 5 June-Sun 7 June 2020

All participants will be expected to make their own way for 0900, (car sharing), to the Long Cross Car Park, Furzley Ln, Lyndhurst SO43 7HH (APPROX postcode). This is the nearest postcode, which is about 1 mile south of the actual car park. Grid Reference 251 151

Fri 5 June (overnight)      Tom's Field, The Ridge, Pottery Rd, Fordingbridge SP6 2LN

Sat 6 June (overnight)      Wilverley Plain Scout Campsite, Brockenhurst, New Milton BH25 5TZ

Groups aim to finish around 1400-1500 at the same point as the drop off - Long Cross Car Park, Furzley Ln, Lyndhurst SO43 7HH (APPROX postcode). This is the nearest postcode, which is about 1 mile south of the actual car park. Grid Reference 251 151

During the expedition, the participants will be unaccompanied in their teams. H5 advise participants to carry their **mobile phones in sealed dry bags**; also to remind teams that they will be giving their verbal presentations at the end of the qualifying expedition.

Participants will need to purchase their own gas as unfortunately we do not have the facility to safely store this at school. They will need to come prepared with food and funds for the duration of the expedition. It would be beneficial to have a pre-kit check one lunch time and any borrowed equipment needs to be taken home and returned dry/aired/cleaned ready for other groups to use.