

## Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## RE: Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

I have been approached by a number of students and parents/guardians in year 10 who are keen to move onto the Silver DofE award. I would like to encourage the next level as a healthy number are finishing all the elements of their Bronze award in the next few weeks. But for this to be feasible we need a healthy number of students willing to participate.

We have spoken with H5 Adventure who would be, once again, responsible for the expedition element of the award, and between us we have agreed on the following dates.

- Training day Sunday 10 March 2019 at BWS
- Practice Expedition 24-26 May 2019 Lyndhurst/New Forest
- Qualifying Expedition 14-16 June 2019 Lyndhurst/New Forest

The cost will be around £350, to include training, maps, use of equipment, DofE license/admin, camp site fees, certificates and badges.

There will be an enrolment fee of £22.00 for D of E Sliver, this is payable online via WisePay.

To pay follow the WisePay link shown below. If you have any issues accessing WisePay please email 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.

WisePay:- https://www.wisepay.co.uk/store/generic/template.asp?ACT=nav&mID=310816

If your son is keen to take this on, apologies for short notice of training date, then please encourage him to collect a Silver enrolment form from Mrs Nute. Any queries regarding DofE please email Mrs Nute <u>amn@bws.wilts.sch.uk</u>

Hopefully your son will then sign up to the Gold award, which he can start on his sixteenth birthday, completing the expedition and residential sections in year 12.

Yours sincerely

J M Oldham DofE Co-Ordinator