



18th September 2017

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

### **The Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award at Nottingham Free School**

Your son/daughter has been allocated a place on the Silver Duke of Edinburgh programme. Nottingham Free School is a **Direct Licensing Centre (DLC)** and we work directly with The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Over the course of the year students will be expected to undertake the following activities;

- **Volunteering** section: **6 months** (1 hour a week)
- **Physical** and **Skills** sections: One section for **6 months** and the other section for **3 months**
- **Expedition** section: **3 days/2 nights**

***If your son/daughter didn't do the Bronze Award, they must undertake a further 6 months of either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections. Students who did the Bronze Award last year are expected to complete this award before continuing to Silver.***

Further information about the award can be found on the Duke of Edinburgh website <http://www.dofe.org/what-is-dofe>

Students should be able to fit most of these in during their enrichment time in school although this may differ for individual students, please speak to your child about how they intend to fulfil the different sections.

### **Costing**

As stated in the options booklet the cost for the DofE Silver Award is **£250**. This includes:

- An expedition run by **Karos Adventure** who will provide a teaching day, a practice expedition and a qualifying expedition. All tents, maps and cooking equipment will be included.
- A registration fee for The Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award.
- A fee that covers the cost for our annual DLC charge.

We now require a £50 deposit per student to be paid by Monday 2 October 2017. You can pay the remaining £200 in 4 instalments if you prefer, on the suggested dates of 1 December 2017, 1 February 2018, 1 March 2018 and 1 April 2018, or as a one off payment. This can be paid through the iPayimpact online payment system, or by cheque (please make cheques payable to Nottingham Free School).

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, or you are concerned about the cost of this course then please contact me at school to discuss, on the contact details below.

### **Important Dates**

Please can I bring your attention to the following dates, please could you let the school know ASAP if your child is unable to attend any of the weekend residential dates.

<b>Monday 19 March 2018 6pm -7pm</b>	Parent Information Evening
<b>Saturday 28 April 2018 08:30 - 16:00</b>	Silver teaching day
<b>Saturday 12 May 2018 08:30 – Sunday 13 May 2018 16:00 ONLY FOR STUDENTS WHO DID NOT DO THE BRONZE AWARD</b>	2 days Training & Planning
<b>Friday 6 July 2018 08:30 – Sunday 8 July 2018 16:00</b>	3 days Practice Expedition
<b>Friday 20 July 2018 08:30 – Sunday 22 July 2018 16:00</b>	3 days Qualifying Expedition

### **Equipment**

Karos Adventure have provided a kit list, which is enclosed and I'm sure you will appreciate seeing well in advance. Some items will be available for loan from either from school or Karos. Further details in regard to this will be available at the parent information evening.

Also, some of you may be aware there is a **Go Outdoors** store in Daybrook. As Duke of Edinburgh participants your child is entitled to a **10% discount** off all items that are needed for the expedition. Other outdoors retailers offer similar discounts so it's always worth asking. When your son/daughter has received their Duke of Edinburgh pack this can be used as proof of their membership. Having said this it's also worth mentioning that it is not essential to buy brand new things, especially if they may not be used again. Many students last year borrowed items from family members and school to cut down costs.

### **Additional Costs**

The only other potential additional cost is in relation to the transport to and from the pick-up and drop off points. This will depend on whether you are able to help transport students to and from the Peak District for the weekends listed above. The expeditions which start on a Friday morning may prove difficult for parents to help with the transport. Therefore, we may need to organise a coach which will incur a cost. This will be confirmed nearer the time.

Please feel free to contact myself or Mr Evers at school if you have any further questions at this point.

Yours faithfully.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bethan Inglis'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Mrs Bethan Inglis  
Lead Teacher for Humanities and Enrichment Co-ordinator



**Please return this reply slip to Mrs Inglis by Monday 2 October**

**The Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- I have paid the £50 deposit via the iPayimpact on-line payment system to be paid by 02/10/2017
- I enclose a £50 deposit to be paid by 02/10/2017
- I have paid the full amount of £250 via the iPayimpact on-line payment system
- I enclose the full amount of £250
- I intend to pay the balance in instalments (either by the iPayimpact on-line payment system or cheque) by the suggested dates of:
  - 1 December 2017
  - 1 February 2018
  - 1 March 2018
  - 1 April 2018

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_