

September 2010

Dear Parents

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Level

Your daughter has expressed an interest in the Dof E Silver award scheme.

The scheme encourages responsibility, self-reliance, and perseverance and is a programme of activities designed to challenge young people to acquire new skills and experience adventure.

The participant has to fulfil the requirements of each of the four sections: Volunteering, Expedition, Skills, Physical. There are three separate awards: Bronze, Silver and Gold.

Pupils must have completed and had approved at least three of the four sections at Bronze level before they can start the Silver Level of the award.

The school organises the Expedition section of the Award, and, at Silver level, this includes occasional training sessions on Friday evening, from 3.45-4.45 pm, two weekend training days in the spring term and two 3-day expeditions, usually one in the Easter holidays and one in the summer term after the GCSE examinations.

Pupils have to organise for themselves the activities for the Volunteering, Skills and Physical sections, although they are given guidance from school. It is the responsibility of parents (not the school) to ensure that the activities their daughters choose for these sections are appropriately managed and insured. More details about the requirements for each section can be found on the DofE website, www.dofe.org

Entry to the scheme involves a commitment to personal challenge and registration onto the eDofE system onto which pupils record details of activities and achievement. The cost of this is £12.00 at both Bronze and Silver level this year. Please complete the attached form and return with cash/cheque (made payable to MTGS) for the appropriate amount.

Yours sincerely

C Southworth
Dof E Co-ordinator

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Reply slip

To be returned to Mrs C Southworth

I give permission for _____ in Form _____

to participate in the Dof E Award Scheme at Silver level.

I enclose cash/cheque made payable to MTGS for £12.00 to cover the Silver registration.

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date