



JRU/rmc  
10 November 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

## Re: Duke of Edinburgh Award

Your son has shown an interest in enrolling in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme began in 1956 and is now widely recognised by employers, colleges, universities and the forces as a powerful tool for the personal development of young people.

### It will involve:

Your son will have to complete the following four sections over the next year:

- Volunteering
- Skill
- Physical
- Expedition

The minimum time requirement for each section is expressed in months during which time they will need to undertake a regular commitment of at least one hour per week. It is expected that the Skill, Volunteering and Physical Recreation sections will be completed in the student's own time, with some assistance from both the school and parents / carers.

### Silver Award - Year 10

Volunteering	Skill	Physical Recreation	Expedition
6 months	One section for 3 months. One section for 6 months		Plan, prepare for, and undertake a 3 day / 2 night venture.
Direct entrance will have to complete one section for 12 months			

Expedition and training will be co-ordinated through the school using an external company (BXM expeditions) who will provide all the training and qualified expedition leaders. Training will be completed in school on a Saturday, students have to attend these dates in order to complete the requirements for the expedition section.

### Dates are as follows:

**Training**                      **1 March 2026 (in school)**

**Practice Expedition**      **15 to 17 May 2026**

**Assessed Expedition**    **5 to 7 June 2026**

**All students must to attend both the training, practice and the assessed expedition to complete the award. There will be no other expeditions organised by the school.**





There will be a charge of **£60.00** for the joining fee, which includes the record book, this is **non-refundable**. There is an additional fee of **£300.00** which includes charges for the training, practice expedition and assessed expedition, all of which are provided by BXM Expeditions due to the large number of students. They provide the tents and the stoves for each group; other kit will be discussed on the training day.

### **Payment Plan**

£60.00 24 October 2025 (Joining Fee non-refundable)

£60.00 21 November 2025

£60.00 19 December 2025

£60.00 30 January 2026

£60.00 25 February 2026

£60.00 25 March 2026

### **Students need to pay via parent pay**

If participants withdraw from the award, it must be done formally in writing to Mrs Rutherford **6 weeks** prior to the practice expedition or they will be charged the full amount.

If your son wishes to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, please complete the consent form, sent via Evolve email as soon as possible. Unfortunately, there are a limited number of spaces.

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. Or check out the D of E web site which can be found at [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org) or [bxmexpeditions.co.uk](http://bxmexpeditions.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Rutherford  
Duke of Edinburgh Leader

