

JRU/ANA

20 November 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

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.

What 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.

Silver Award - Year 10

| Volunteering | Skill | Physical Recreation | Expedition |
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| 6 months | One section for 3 months One section for 6 months | | Plan, prepare for, and undertake a 3 day/2 night venture |

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 **29th February 2020**
Practice **27th – 29th March 2020**
Expedition **27th- 29th June 2020**

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

A charge of **£45** is for the joining fee, which includes the record book this is **Non – refundable**. There is an additional fee of **£250**, which includes charges for training, practice expedition and assessed expedition, which are 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

- £45 19th December 2019
- £50 31st January 2020
- £50 28th February 2020
- £50 29th March 2020
- £50 30th April 2020
- £50 30th May 2020

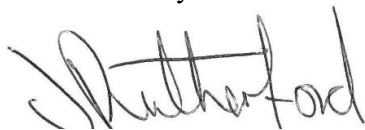
Students need to pay via parent pay or by cheque, which should be, made payable to Northampton School *for Boys* please write **name form and Silver 2019-2020** on the reverse of the cheque. Alternatively, cash can be paid into finance money must be placed into an envelope again with **name, form and Silver 2019-2020.**

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 charge the full amount.

If your son wishes to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, please complete the reply slip below and return it to Mrs Rutherford as soon as possible. Unfortunately, I do have a limited amount 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 or bxmexpeditions.co.uk

Yours faithfully



Mrs J. Rutherford
Duke of Edinburgh Leader

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REPLY SLIP to Mrs J. Rutherford – Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Name of Student: **Form:**

I/We* give permission for the above student to take part in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

I/We* have paid the sum of £45.00 joining fee Via* ParentPay/Cheque/cash

Signature of Parent/Guardian: **Date:**
(*Delete as necessary)