

18 October 2022

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Duke of Edinburgh Award

Your child has expressed an interest in completing their Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) at Driffield School. As a result, please find attached to this letter an enrolment and medical form for your completion in order to enable your child to become a DofE participant.

Currently we charge the following amounts to be able to offer this opportunity to students:

- Bronze Award is £165, payable in full or in three instalments of £55
- Silver Award is £270, payable in full or three instalments of £90

If paying in instalments the following payment deadlines will apply:

- First instalment (and enrolment forms) due by 1 Dec 2022
- Second instalments due by 1 March 2023
- Final instalments due by 1 June 2023

Payments can be made via cheque (addressed to Driffield School, with your child's name and 'Duke of Edinburgh' written on the back), or via ParentPay.

Enrolment and medical forms, along with either full payment or the first instalment must be handed in to ACE reception on, or before 1 Dec for your child to be enrolled onto their Duke of Edinburgh Award within school. Accompanying these forms, there also needs to be a letter of application written by your child addressing what they are hoping to get out of the award, and how they are going to show the levels of resilience to complete each of the sections. Commitment, determination and resilience are key factors in successfully completing the award, and this characteristic is one that employers associate with those who are successful.

We shall start meetings and expedition training straight after the October half term holiday, and the first meeting is due to be held on 1 Nov; please ensure that the DofE Welcome Packs are brought into school as soon as they are received so that we can talk through how the pack relates to DofE. From then on, meetings will take place on alternate Tuesdays after school, from 3.40 till 5.30 pm in the Old Sports Hall next to West playground (occasional meetings will finish at 6 pm, but notice will be given). It

is imperative your child attends these meetings, as important training for the expedition section will be given at these meetings, as well as assistance and monitoring of the other sections. Any student who has missed vital parts of their expedition training, for example, will not be allowed to participate in expeditions until these aspects are covered.

Our first training expeditions are scheduled for the second week of the Easter Holidays 2023, with qualifying expeditions at the end of May 2023. Please add these into your diaries so that clashes can be minimised. I look forward to working with your child throughout their Award, and also reading their letter of application. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school or via my email address: mathew.osburn@driffieldschool.org.uk.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr M Osburn
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager

