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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

NJS/TCC

2 October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I am currently recruiting for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Silver Level.

There are four main sections to the Award: Volunteering, Skills, Physical and Expedition. It will be up to the individual pupils to organise the first three sections themselves with some guidance from myself. The expedition section will be delivered by the school.

Students will have to be committed to attending regular lunchtime/after school expedition training sessions in the summer term and need to be aware that it is a big physical challenge so a high level of personal fitness is required.

The initial cost of registering on the Award is £25.50 and pupils will receive an entrance pack and e-login. There will be additional costs later on when the expeditions start. There will be a practice expedition in the Peak District and a Qualifying expedition in the Yorkshire Dales the cost will be in the region of £100 per expedition. Walking Boots, Waterproofs and Sleeping Bags will also be required but other kit such as tents, rucksacks and maps can be borrowed from school if necessary.

The Award presents a great challenge and offers tremendous opportunities. However, it also requires a good deal of commitment on behalf of those participating. Please be aware that those taking part must commit to every aspect of the award and training.

If you have any questions about the Award then please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

If you wish your son or daughter to be considered for the Award please return the reply slip by Monday 9 October via the 'Forms' link. <https://forms.office.com/e/CYLEiQPr7z>

Yours sincerely

Mrs N. Swann - DofE Award Leader