

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

**To: Parents of Pupils in year 10 who have completed the Bronze Award**

Dear Parents,

**Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award 2017**

The Duke of Edinburgh Scheme is a nationally recognised qualification that holds a great deal of prestige with potential employers and Universities. We have been successfully delivering it at Hollygirt for over 25 years and it has helped our students stand out in a field of candidates in such circumstances.

For those pupils who have fully completed their Bronze Award (this involves all evidence being uploaded and all sections being signed off by the board) they are now in a position to start their Silver Award.

Our aim this year will be to ensure that you son or daughter immediately registers for Silver (after February half term), which will allow them access to start all sections except the expedition part. We hope that by September 2017 others pupils will join the group (after completing their final expedition in September). We will then be in a position to start the expedition training in October 2017. Both the practice and final expedition dates will be released later this year once we have been in touch with Karos Adventure. However we will be aiming for dates that do not impact or put additional pressure on pupil near GCSE Examinations. In the past the final expedition has been after examinations.

The School will now be continuing to work with Karos Adventure who will provide relevant training, equipment and supervision at Silver level.

The Silver Award will now cost approx. £250.00 (including vat and registration fee). This may be less or slightly more, depending upon numbers. Ideally we require 6 – 7 pupils per group. The cost does not include; personal equipment, food, fuel, travel to and from expeditions, personal clothing and kit insurance.

Please complete the slip below and enclose a cheque for £100 (deposit), made payable to Hollygirt School to secure a place for your child. I will inform you of the outstanding balance and payment dates once I know the numbers.

Yours sincerely

*M. Ifould*

Miss Ifould  
Silver D of E Coordinator



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing for my child to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award scheme and confirm that they will be committed to the same. I acknowledge the need for obedience and responsible behaviour on their part. I understand that there is some level of risk in every activity but that this visit will be managed to minimise the risks involved.

I believe my child to be medically fit to undertake this activity.

I confirm that my child has completed all sections of the Bronze Award. Failure to meet this requirement will prohibit them from starting the Silver Award.

I enclose a cheque for £100 to cover the cost of the deposit and to secure my child's place on the Award. Please note that this activity is not refundable and by signing the consent form you are agreeing to the cost even if your child does not take part.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to Miss Ifould**