



7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents

## Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award 2017/18

The Duke of Edinburgh Award 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 students stand out in a field of candidates in such circumstances.

The school will be working with Karos adventure who will provide all the relevant training, equipment and supervision at both Bronze and Silver levels throughout.

Training for Silver sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings between 3.50pm and 4.45pm, at school. Some sessions will be delivered by Karos Adventure and other sessions by Mr Deacon. Our first training session started on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December when Karos Adventure presented an introduction to the course. Additional weekend dates are required for training and expeditions. These will be:

Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> 2018

Walk training in Derbyshire

Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2018

Route planning at Hollygirt School

### Practice Expedition

Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Derbyshire (two nights and two days starting on Friday evening)

### Qualifying Expedition

Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>

Three days and two nights

The Silver Award will now cost approximately £310 (including VAT, registration fee, gas, insurance and training costs). This may be slightly less or more depending upon numbers. Ideally, we require 6-7 pupils per group. The cost does not include; personal equipment, food, travel to and from expeditions, personal clothing and kit insurance.

Please could you encourage your son/ daughter to complete the other three sections of the award and upload all of their evidence. The Bronze Award must be fully completed prior to starting the Silver Award.

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

Mr P Deacon  
(D of E Co-Ordinator)



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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 (unless they are going directly onto Silver). Failure to meet this requirement will prohibit them from starting the Silver Award.

I enclose a cheque for £100 (made payable to Hollygirt School) 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 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December to Mr Deacon**