



Church of England School
Executive Head and CEO: Dr Hilary Macaulay

29th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award: Application – Year 10

I am pleased to announce the launch of our Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. Due to our staffing levels, we must limit our places to 21 students, selected by application. The application is to be completed by the student and will close at **5.00pm Friday 21st October**.

Each application will be evaluated anonymously on a points-based system. Points will be awarded for each question on the form, punctuality to school and lessons, and number of negative behaviour points; in the event of a tie, number of positive behaviour points will be used to decide. Unsuccessful candidates will be placed on a waiting list.

The application form can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/DqeFrb5tKx>

As in the Bronze Award, students must complete four sections at Silver level. With assistance from the Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager and other trained assessors within the school, participants will select and set their objectives in each of the following areas:

- Volunteering: undertaking service to individuals or the community (this must not be a role or position which would be considered paid work)
- Physical: improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities
- Skills: developing practical and social skills and personal interests
- Expedition: planning training and completion of an adventurous journey in the UK.

Expedition Dates for 2023:

This will run over 3 separate weekends

- Saturday 11th March – Route planning (1 day)
- Friday 28th to Sunday 30th April – Practice expedition and training (2 days and 2 nights, collection Sunday morning)
- Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th June – Assessment expedition (3 days and 2 nights).

The Friday of the Practice expedition also overlaps with the Friday of work experience. Successful students must only book a 4 day work experience placement (Monday to Thursday).

Students who took part in the Bronze Award **will not** be allowed to start their Silver Award until they have completed Bronze.

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Additional information for students who participated in the Bronze Award:

Since your child's participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, some of the activities that students select have changed. For this reason, it is worth checking our school website

<https://www.bishopramseyschool.org/page/?title=Duke+of+Edinburgh%27s+Award&pid=121>

for the new options available. Students are able to continue with the sections that they completed for Bronze but this is only permitted if students can show progression from their previous level at Bronze. Furthermore, the time scale requirements also increase for the Silver Award. Additional resources will be made available to successful candidates via MS Teams.

- Volunteering: 6 months (once a week)
- Physical and Skill: One section for 6 months, the other for 3 months (once a week)
- Expedition: Practice for 2 days and 2 nights, assessment for 3 days and 2 nights (details above)

Information for 'direct entrants':

Students can apply to undertake the Silver Award, if they have not previously completed the Bronze. If your child did not complete the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award last year, they will be entered into the scheme as a 'direct entrant'. This means that they need to complete **an additional six months** in either their volunteering section or the physical/skill (whichever of these they choose to undertake for six months). This is a rule imposed by the Duke of Edinburgh and not specific to Bishop Ramsey School.

Cost:

The cost of the Silver Award is £280. This will be made payable via parent pay in 2 instalments of £140. Details of payment dates will be made available if your child is a successful applicant. If your child is eligible, Pupil Premium funding is available for the cost of the award.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, mwinn@bishopramsey.school

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Winn
Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager