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Dear Year 11 students

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme – Silver

We are delighted to let you know that we are accepting student applications for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award programme. The deadline for all applications is at **9am on Monday 18 October 2021**. In order to be considered for the Silver award programme you will need to complete the Google Form at: <https://forms.gle/WnPsgqo9jWeMu4HN9>.

Places on the Silver award are limited, and will be prioritised to those who have completed Bronze Awards. This means that students will have completed all four sections of their Bronze Award. The exception is to students who were not able to complete their expedition owing to testing positive to Covid. In this case, students will need to have completed their Bronze Certificate of Achievement. All of this will need to be officially complete on edofe.org. In the event of more applications than places, we may have to use a lottery to allocate places.

Details of both elements of the Silver expedition are detailed below and we will travel there and from via minibus.

Silver Practice in New Forest - Friday 1 July to Sunday 3 July 2022

Silver Qualifying in South Downs - Friday 15 July to Sunday 17 July 2022

Both expeditions will involve three days of hiking, two nights of camping, and students will carry everything they need to be self-sufficient over these days. Attendance on all these dates is **compulsory**. More details about the Silver DofE Award can be found at <https://www.dofe.org/do/>.

The Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award takes commitment and a lot of hard work, which for some students can be difficult on top of their work for their GCSEs. Please consider carefully whether you have the time and energy to commit to the Silver Award.

In order to gain a place on the expeditions students will need to have completed their Physical, Skills and Volunteering sections of the Silver Award during the earlier part of the academic year.

The projected cost for the Silver DofE award will be between £150 and £200 which includes travel, some equipment (including tents, maps and cooking equipment), campsite fees, expert supervision and the enrolment fee to DofE.

If you would like your child to participate in this trip but will experience difficulty in making the contribution then please contact the Finance Office on tripsandvisits@beaumont.school, before signing up to the trip to discuss.





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Once the deadline for applications has passed - **9am on Monday 18 October 2021**, we will be in contact with the finer details and to finalise payment.

We will be holding a parent and student information evening online via Google Meet on a date and time tbc to which all successful applicants will be invited to receive further information.

Yours sincerely

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