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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 students,

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme – Silver

We are delighted to let you know that we will shortly be inviting students to apply to take part in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme 2022-23.

We will be holding a parent and student information Google Meet on **Wednesday 14 September 2022 at 7.00pm** to which you are invited to receive further information regarding the Award including sign up, payment, programme administration and requirements. Please join us using the link <https://meet.google.com/owk-kjyz-ezx>. You will need to join using Google Chrome. You can attend the Meet using a student's Beaumont account, or an external account. We will record the Meet to allow for those who are unable to attend to watch the content at a later time. There will be opportunities to ask questions at the end of the Meet.

The deadline for applying is **4pm on Tuesday 27 September**.

We are unable to accept applications for Silver DofE from any students who did not successfully complete their Bronze awards by the start of Year 11.

Prior to signing up, we encourage you to look at the information on the award at <http://www.dofe.org/>. 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.

The Silver expedition dates are **Friday 30 June to Sunday 2 July 2023** (Practice Expedition) and **Friday 14 July to Sunday 16 July 2023** (Qualifying Expedition). Attendance on the full weekend is compulsory. In order to gain a place on the expeditions you will need to have completed or nearly completed your Physical, Skills and Volunteering sections of the Silver Award during the earlier part of the academic year. There will also be a training day on **Saturday 4 March 2023**.

As we are now running the Bronze and Silver awards with hugely increased numbers, Beaumont DofE has partnered with [Wildside Outdoors](#) to provide the expedition section of the Award and they will be running the expedition weekends. Wildside Outdoors is a local company with longstanding links to Beaumont DofE. A letter is enclosed with details of the expedition provision, as well as payment information. The cost of the expedition section will be **£300** payable direct to the company. Rob Balchin, of Wildside Outdoors, will be presenting part of the Google Meet.

There will also be an additional cost payable to Beaumont DofE of **£35** which will cover the compulsory DofE fee as well as administration costs. This will be available to pay via your MCAS account after successful completion of the Google Form which will be available after the Meet, under the option of Beaumont School Shop.



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Please contact the finance office directly if you wish to discuss financial assistance or any MCAS account queries.

The programme will begin in September 2022 and more information regarding sign up and payment will be available after the parent/student information Google Meet.

Yours sincerely

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