

17 May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer



re **Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Silver Training Sessions, Practice and Qualifying Expeditions**

This letter is to inform you that your son/daughter, with your permission, will be participating in the following Silver Training sessions and Qualifying Expedition.

Silver Training Sessions – Wednesday 18 May 3pm - 4:30pm and Wednesday 25 May 3pm - 4:30pm at The Spires College - Students are required to attend all training sessions in order to pass their D of E award. Comfortable, suitable clothing such as PE kit or joggers and sweatshirt can be worn for the training sessions.

Silver Practice & Qualifying Expedition Briefing – Wednesday 8 June and Wednesday 15 June at 3.00pm – 4.30pm. Both briefings taking place at The Spires College.

Silver Practice Expedition – Friday 10 – Sunday 12 June - As part of their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award, students need to complete a qualifying expedition, due to Covid and lockdowns this was not completed last year. The practise expedition is to make sure their qualifying weekend goes as smoothly as possible. This expedition will use all of the skills and knowledge gained from the College training sessions. We will begin our walk from Brenamoor Common, Belstone on Friday 10 June at 4.00pm camping overnight at Ford SX 619 913 (WILD CAMP) and Fox & Hounds campsite, near Okehampton. We will be finishing at Brenamoor Common (SX 621 937), Belstone at approximately 3:30pm on Sunday 12 June. Please make the necessary arrangements to drop off and collect your son/daughter from here, if you need help with this, please do get in contact. Please also be available throughout the weekend if we need to contact you in an emergency. Students will also need to bring enough food/refreshments for the expedition, this information will be discussed in the Silver Practise Expedition Briefing on Wednesday 8 June at 3pm. Please also visit the D of E website for the Expedition Kit Guide via the following link: <https://www.dofe.org/shopping/dofe-expedition-kit-guide/>.

Silver Self-sufficient Qualifying Expedition – Friday 24 – Sunday 26 June – As part of their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award, students will also need to complete a self-sufficient qualifying expedition. We will begin our walk from Stowford, Ivybridge at 9.00am on Friday 24 June, camping overnight at Wild Camp, Lud Gate and Cockington. We will be finishing at Chagford at approximately 3.30pm on Sunday 26 June. Please make the necessary arrangements to drop off and collect your son/daughter from here, again, if you need help with this please do get in contact. Please also be available throughout the weekend if we need to contact you in an emergency. Students will also need to bring enough food/refreshments for the expedition, this information will be discussed in the Silver Qualifying Expedition Briefing on Wednesday 15 June at 3pm, information can also be found on the D of E Expedition Kit Guide.

I would be very grateful if the attached reply slip below could be returned to me as soon as possible. I have attached the Expedition Kit List as a reminder of what items are required for the practice and qualifying expeditions. Should you need to borrow items of kit on the list please see me at the earliest opportunity. Please note that we only have limited supplies of kit.

In order to cover outside providers' expert tuition, campsite fees, fuel, minibus hire, and kit replacement to ensure D of E can continue to be offered at The Spires College, it is necessary to ask for a one off payment of £50.

If you need to discuss anything outlined in this letter, you can contact me directly using my email address as follows: aprince@thespirescollege.com

Yours sincerely



Miss A Prince
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager at The Spires College

Activity: Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Sliver Training Sessions, Practice and Qualifying Expeditions

Name of Student: Form:.....

Please tick below as appropriate:

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award and understand that he/she will be are required to attend **all** the training sessions, briefings, practice and qualifying expeditions in order to pass their D of E award.

My son/daughter will attend the Silver Training Sessions on **Wednesday 18 May and Wednesday 25 May 3pm-4:30pm**

My son/daughter will attend the Silver Qualifying Expedition Briefings on **Wednesday 8 June and Wednesday 15 June**

I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Silver Practice Expedition on **10 -12 June**

I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Silver Qualifying Expedition on **24 -26 June**

I have paid the one off payment of £50 via ParentPay

Emergency Contact number during 24/25/26 June 2022:

Signature of Parent/Carer..... Date.....