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Principal: Mrs S Parsons

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12th September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Scheme – Year 12

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in joining the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at **Gold** level.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is the world's leading achievement award for young people aged 14-24. As well as being a great opportunity for your child to try new activities or gain recognition for the things they are doing already, it really helps them to stand out from the crowd when it comes to job and college interviews. Find out more by visiting the website www.dofe.org.

Costs

Sidmouth College is a Duke of Edinburgh Licensed Organisation. This requires us to pay an annual licensing fee of £1500. This is spread across all the students participating in the award at any level. The Duke of Edinburgh also charges a £25.50 enrolment fee. The College therefore asks for £50 for enrolment on the Gold award.

There will be additional costs when we run the expedition section via one optional training walk and two compulsory expeditions but, as we do this in-house rather than bringing in an external provider, the costs are minimised as much as we possibly can. For context, the overall cost for the expeditions last year were under £200. Costs of course change depending on various circumstances but gives you a general idea of what to expect throughout the year.

Please get in touch if the cost of the award makes it difficult for your son/daughter to take part. Some help is available if your child is in receipt of free school meals or has other needs.

Enrolment

To enrol in the award please complete the Enrolment form using the QR code on the right by **Friday 29th September** or **ASAP if you are in receipt of free school meals**. Please then make an online payment through your ParentPay account.

Dates for your diary

Once your child has been allocated a place on the award they will be asked to attend a weekly session **every Thursday afternoon 3:15-4:15pm**.

Support from Home

In school we will do what we can to help each student achieve their award but please note that it is the responsibility of parents or guardians to ensure that activities which their young person arranges to undertake outside school for the Volunteering, Skills and Physical activities sections of the D of E Award, are safe and that all adults working with the young person have been DBS checked.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information about any aspect of the award.

Yours sincerely

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