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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to invite current Year 9 pupils to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award during Year 10.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is a nationally recognised programme that encourages young people to develop independence, resilience, teamwork and leadership skills through a range of challenging and rewarding activities. Participants complete sections in volunteering, physical activity and skills, alongside training and expeditions. The award is highly regarded by colleges, universities and employers and provides students with valuable life experiences and lasting memories.

Importantly, students do not need to have completed the Bronze Award in order to take part in the Silver Award.

As part of the Silver Award, students will undertake expedition training and complete both a practice and qualifying expedition.

The planned dates are as follows:

- Training Day (in school): 26th February 2027
- Practice Expedition (Long Mynd area): 28th–30th April 2027
- Qualifying Expedition (White Peaks area): 26th–29th May 2027

The approximate cost of the programme is £505 per pupil. This includes expedition training, campsite fees, group kit, transport and expedition supervision. Further details regarding kit requirements and payment schedules will be shared in due course.

To secure a place on the programme, a non-refundable holding deposit of £45 must be paid via ParentPay before the end of July, this covers the pupil DofE registration.

We strongly encourage students to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity. The DofE programme helps young people to build confidence, independence and important life skills whilst enjoying new experiences with their peers.

If your child would like to participate, please complete the deposit payment by the stated deadline. Places may be limited and will therefore be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,

Sophie Cunliffe

D of E Manager