

10 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award 2025-2026**

Parmiter's School offers students the opportunity to undertake the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Silver level during Years 11 and 12. This is a four-section award consisting of:

- Volunteering (helping people in the community and NOT for a profit-making enterprise)
- Skills (covering almost any hobby/interest but NOT sport)
- Physical Recreation (sport, dance and fitness)
- Expedition

Those who have achieved the Bronze Award may continue with the activities that they undertook for that Award. **However, it is not necessary to have undertaken the Bronze Award, but additional training may be required.** Participants usually take about 12 months to complete the Silver Award and more information can be found at <http://www.dofe.org/>.

The overall cost for a student to undertake the Silver Award through the school is £285. This covers **the initial setup costs of £50 (which is non-refundable under any circumstances)**, all costs the school incurs organising this expedition, expenses for volunteers and a hot meal for students at the end of their expedition. In addition to this is the cost of students' individual equipment. To make the Award available to all students, we maintain a number of tents, rucksacks, stoves and boots, which are available to loan for £10/£20 per item and this will be organised at a later date. There is the possibility of financial assistance in case of hardship – please e-mail [dofe@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dofe@parmiters.herts.sch.uk) early if you wish to be considered for such assistance.

Students accepted onto the Award will be expected to attend both expeditions:

- The Practice Expedition will run from Monday 29 June to Wednesday 1 July 2026 (after the GCSE examinations) in the Peak District.
- The Final Expedition will be from Wednesday 16 to Friday 18 September 2026.

**Please note:** Students will need to be self-motivated to complete the award successfully; the whole ethos of the Award is that students take responsibility for themselves and become more independent. To that end, they should organise their sections themselves. After the initial launch, interaction from staff will be minimal until the expeditions.

Any behaviour on an activity connected with the Award which is considered to be inappropriate, will result in the student being ejected from the Scheme without refund.

Students **MUST** have registered using eDofE, unless they are direct entrants, and finished each of their three sections prior to the Practice Expedition, or they may not be able to attend.

In order to enrol on the award, please complete the following:

1. Make your payment of **£285** via [WisePay](#), either in full before 2 September 2024 or in three instalments as follows:

Instalment	Due Date	Amount
Initial Instalment	Friday 25 July 2025	£85.00
Second Instalment	Friday 5 September 2025	£100.00
Final Instalment	Friday 3 October 2025	£100.00

Any outstanding amount will be available to view at all times on WisePay.

2. Complete the [Consent and Medical Information Form](#). **Should there be any changes to the information disclosed, it is imperative that the school be notified in writing.**

Yours sincerely

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Mr Card  
Silver Duke of Edinburgh Supervisor