



Alsager School

Dear Parent/Carer,

3rd November 2023

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Launch 2023

We are delighted to offer the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) to Year 10 pupils. Pupils who did not complete the Bronze award last year, are still able to participate in the Silver. As the DofE Co-ordinator for Alsager School, I wanted to write to you to let you know more about what is involved.

Why do DofE?

The DofE is non-competitive and a powerful way for every student to build belief in themselves, whatever their background, interests and abilities. It gives students the chance to make new friends, follow their passions, learn new skills and make a difference to the community. Achieving a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too. It helps young people to see themselves differently and gain a new level of confidence. We always say that after taking on your DofE, you know that whatever life throws at you, you're ready to deal with it.

How it works

There are 3 levels to the Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. To achieve their **Silver Award**, students will need to complete 4 sections – **Volunteering, Physical, Skills** and the **Expedition**. Students can choose what they would like to do for the first 3 sections, and we will provide all the guidance and support they need, each of these sections lasts 6 months. The Expedition involves spending 3 days and 2 nights in the countryside. We provide comprehensive training beforehand to ensure everyone is fully prepared and has the best possible experience.

Next steps

We hope lots of our students will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. The cost is **£336** per student – the payment will be split across three deadlines from **November 2023 to April 2024**.

We have planned an information event for parents/ carers, in school in the Sixth Form, on **Monday 13th November at 5:00pm**. If you wish to attend, please email b.brittain@alsagerschool.org, so we can confirm numbers. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact myself.

There will be a short meeting after-school on **Thursday 16th November** for students so we can provide further information. We will start to look at the breakdown of the award and the activities that they can participate in to complete the award. A further letter will then be sent out that includes the payment breakdown and enrolment form, if your child wishes to participate.

Thank you for your support. I hope you'll agree that the Duke of Edinburgh Award is the perfect way for your child to feel ready for anything.

Yours faithfully,
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