

23rd March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition Dates Update

First of all, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the school and your child over the course of the Duke of Edinburgh award.

Unfortunately, I am writing to inform you that due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to move both the expedition dates until the autumn term. This was completely out of the school's control and is due to a lack of staff available to provide support from Cheshire East on our original proposed dates and has impacted schools in the area who use Cheshire East as their provider and had expedition dates planned for the summer term. In the planning of the new expedition dates we have taken precaution to ensure that they do not run into Year 11 mock exams scheduled for the autumn term, to minimise any stress around that time.

New Expedition Dates – Silver

Training expedition will be on Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th September 2022

Assessed expedition will be on Friday 14th – Sunday 16th October 2022

This has given us the opportunity to lengthen the window for your son/ daughter to complete their other sections. By the end of the current school year, your son/ daughter should be near to completing these sections and will need to participate in the expedition in the autumn term to gain their award. In the run up to the new proposed dates we will be providing more meetings and an extra training session for the expeditions to allow pupils to get more out of the award.

Payment

We have been able to delay the final payment due by the 10th June, with the assessed expedition now being in October. Please see below for the change in date.

| Payment - Award | New Deadline | Amount | Running Total |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| Silver – Assessed Expedition | Friday 9 th September | £159 | £340 |

All payments must be paid via ParentPay. A reminder of your child's unique ParentPay activation code can be obtained by emailing finance@alsagerschool.org (please state your child's name and form). Card payments can be made by telephone 01270 871100 extn 240.

Thank you for your continued support with this award – we apologise for the inconvenience with the change of dates. If you have any queries or require any additional information on this change, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01270 871100, or via email b.brittain@alsagerschool.org

Yours faithfully,
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