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Dear parent/carer,

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme was introduced by the Duke over 50 years ago to provide opportunities for young people to engage with the community through volunteering, building skills and being involved in physical activities. Of course the award is best known for its expedition section when young people have to be self-sufficient over a two day expedition, navigating a route across

If your daughter wishes to enrol she must pay an enrolment fee which is £32 and must be paid to the school through Parent Pay in Bronze DofE 2023. This money is then paid to the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, once she is enrolled it is not refundable.

By enrolling with Grays Convent School, your daughter will be completing her Bronze over the course of the next year. It will take her at least 6 months and she will need to complete and evidence the following sections:

- Volunteering section:
- · Physical and Skills sections:
- Expedition section: 2 expeditions 2 days/1 night

She must complete volunteering, skills and physical sections of one hour each per week and this must be evidenced on her eDofE account and she must have an assessor who will oversee it, the assessor cannot be a member of her family or a student of her own age or younger. Her volunteering must be completed for a not for profit organisation and she cannot be paid for it.

Her expeditions will in June and July. This will involve two 2-day expeditions which will involve your daughter walking and navigating in the countryside and camping overnight in a small group. She will have to show that she is self sufficient and is safe in order for her to pass the expedition sections. She will be taught the skills to navigate, cook, camp and administer first aid in order for her to go on expedition. Provisional dates for this are:

Saturday and Sunday June 17/18 and Saturday and Sunday July 1/2, these may be subject to change.

Payment:

The cost of enrolment is £32 and this must be paid by December 16th.

The rest of the payments are broken into 4 instalments of £25.00 to be paid on the following dates:

January 27th













February 24th

March 24th

April 28th

Payment is to be made via ParentPay.

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If you wish to discuss your daughter's participation in Silver Duke of Edinburgh please fill in and return an enrolment form and pay deposit of £32 by December 16^{th} .

Yours sincerely,

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