

Ref: 061/18

15th May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Expedition Section

As we have 30 boys taking part in the Silver DofE we are offering to organise a coach for transport. If you wish to use it the total cost will be £27.00 for both weekends. However, we need there to be a viable number of boys on the coach to cover the cost.

If you wish to book a place on the coach for your son, please complete the reply slip and enclose payment of £27.00 (*cheques should be made payable to St Margaret's Academy School Fund*) and return to school by 4th June 2018. This payment can also be made via ParentMail (+Pay) we have in school. Please circle how you will make the payment on the return slip below.

Your son is going on the expeditions below, you will find attached an excursion medical form attached which must be returned by the 4th June 2018. He can pick up the expedition kit on Thursday 28th June 2018 after school hours, this will take about 20 minutes, please let me know if this interferes with your son's exams and we can alter the time.

Before your son goes on the expeditions he must have completed eDofE for the 3 other sections of the Silver Award which are the physical, skill or volunteering sections.

Three Day Silver Practice Expedition Friday 29th June, Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July 2018.

Please meet at school for 8am so we can travel in the coach to Bolton in Bowland then walk to our campsite at Waddow Hall, Waddington Road, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 3LD. There are toilets and showers on site.

The students will be divided into groups and each will have a qualified member of staff to supervise them over the 3 days.

The staff will work with the students to develop their navigation skills, camp craft, and teamwork skills. The staff will also debrief the groups at the end to allow the students to recognise what they have achieved and learnt over the 3 days, and to identify any areas which require improvement, thus preparing them for their qualifying venture. Your son may return tired and aching because he will do exercise he has not done before, but he will be fit for school the next day.

We have a pre-planned route starting at Bolton in Bowland and walking to Clitheroe Lancashire and then 2 circular routes on Saturday and Sunday backpacking from camp.

We aim to return between 4.00pm on the Sunday night and the boys will ring you when 30 minutes from school.

Three Day Silver Qualifying Expedition Saturday 14th July – Monday 16th Julyth 2018

Please meet at school at 8am so the groups can travel to Borwick, walking to Borwick Hall, Borwick, Near Carnforth to camp on night 1 with toilets and showers and night 2 is at Gibraltar Farm, Jenny Brown's Point, Silverdale, Cumbria, with showers and toilets.

The students will stay in the same expedition groups as the practice with a supervisor. The Assessor would be a supervisor from another group.

The expedition will take place in Silverdale, Cumbria. Again, it's a route that has been used over several years, which will allow the students to have a challenging, but safe expedition with plenty of opportunity to allow them to be remotely supervised.

They will be debriefed at the end so they can identify what they have achieved and celebrate their achievement and again rest after a tiring but fun experience, ready for school the next day.

We aim to return between 4-5pm on the Monday night and the boys will ring you when 30 minutes from school.

While away the emergency number will be 07771 693 007

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs Penketh
Vice Principal**



Jean Riding

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REPLY SLIP TO: Mrs Penketh and Mrs Jean Riding – Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award with the green medical form by 4th June 2018

Student: _____

Form: _____

I would like my son to take part in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Friday 29th June – 1st July 2018 and 14th – 16th July 2018.

I would/would not like to book a place on the coach. I enclose £27.00 cash/chq (made payable to St Margaret's Academy School Fund) or I will pay via ParentMail (please delete as appropriate).

Signed: _____ (parent/carer) Date: _____