



June 2022

Dear Parent

### **The Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award 2022-2023**

Following the continued success of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme at The Redhill Academy, we will be again offering the Silver DofE Award for students starting Year 10 in the next academic year, 2022 – 2023.

Places for the Silver Award are limited and are only available to students who have completed their Bronze Award.

I ask that you take some time to engage with the information on The Redhill Academy's 'Duke of Edinburgh's Award' website page <https://www.theredhillacademy.org.uk/parents/duke-of-edinburgh-award/> This should provide you with the details you need to know about the awards currently on offer.

The Silver DofE Award carries an extended expectation of commitment, dedication and resilience, in order to successfully complete the award in the given time. DofE staff will meet with groups in after-school sessions on a monthly basis, with additional sessions around expedition times. In turn, this level of commitment from us requires high attendance and participation, by every student, in all DofE sessions. At Silver Award level, it is the students' full responsibility to ensure that all individual elements of their award and eDofE account are updated on a regular basis.

Should your child wish to continue to our Silver Award, please ensure that they complete the online application form (on The Redhill Academy DofE web page) by **Sunday 3 July 2022**.

All sections of their Bronze Award (with the exception of their expedition section) must be fully approved, by their leader, by 5 July. Any student whose eDofE account is incomplete by this time will not be considered for the Silver Award.

Please be aware that there are limited places available and we will be in touch with students, to confirm their places, once applications have closed.

Those students successful in their application must attend after-school sessions in July as these form a vital part in their expedition route planning for Autumn 2022. Expedition weekends will be held on the following dates and all students must attend both expeditions, in full:

**Practice Expedition: Friday 23 – Sunday 25 September 2022 (inclusive)**

**Qualifying Expedition: Friday 14 – Sunday 16 October 2022 (inclusive)**

Students will be granted permission to be out of school, on any days that would be usual school days.

We are delighted to be able to financially assist students receiving Pupil Premium/Free School Meal/Looked After Children concessions. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries relating to this, or any other aspect of the award.

Thank you for your continued support towards our Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs C Smith  
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager