Aylsham High School

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Dear Parent/Carer October 2026

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

Your child has expressed an interest in completing their Duke of Edinburgh Silver award at AHS.

To complete this award your child will need to complete two expeditions, each for the duration of two nights which are completed as a team, and an individual programme of activities in the three sections below:

1. **Volunteering**: This is usually for six months and students can complete this section in school by supporting the school's musical production if needed.
2. **Physical**: Students will need to learn a new sport or physical activity, usually for three months.
3. **Skill**: Students will need to learn a new skill; for example learn to play a musical instrument, to improve their cooking skills or even learn to tap dance.

The above three sections are completed via their online e D of E at www.dofe.org. Your child will be provided with a username and password, once the joining fee of £33.00 is paid to the finance office. From the date they enrol they must complete the award within one year.

The expedition sections are going to take place on the following dates and both must be completed in order to gain the award:

- **Friday 30 April ,1 May – Sunday 2 May 2027 (Practice expedition)**
  Day 1: Walk from AHS to the campsite at The Meadows, Pitt Farm, Baconsthorpe, NR25 6LF.
  Day 2: Circular walk from The Meadows campsite.
  Day 3: Students will need collecting on Sunday 2 May at 3pm from Aylsham High School – back carpark , after they have been **fully debriefed.**

- **Friday 2,3 July – Sunday 4 July 2027 (Final expedition)**
  Day 1: Walk from AHS to Deer's Glade campsite, White Post Road, Norwich, NR11 7HN
  Day 2: Circular walk from Deer's Glade campsite.
  Day 3: Walk from Deer's Glade campsite to AHS. Students can be collected from the car park at the back of the school at approximately 3pm, after they have been **fully debriefed**.

The expeditions leave from Aylsham High School car park at the back of the school at 7.30am on the first morning of both expeditions. Students will be supervised by school staff and volunteers who have all been DBS checked. We will ensure all groups are checked at timed checkpoints to ensure their safety as they walk.

There could quite possibly be internal assessments in preparation for your child's final summer exams. Please ensure students talk with their subject teachers to catch up with any work they may miss while out on expeditions. This needs to be their responsibility. They should also catch

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up with any revision sessions missed. I am more than happy to take any revision materials for them to use when they have arrived back at camp.

In preparation for their expedition, your child will need to attend after school training sessions. The training will cover first aid, cooking on Trangia stoves, country walking and kit bag checks. If your child needs any kit such as rucksacks, tents or Trangia stoves, they can see me before the expeditions and arrange to borrow these items from the school.

Please be advised that all groups will be issued with an emergency school mobile. This is only to be used in emergencies. No personal mobiles will be allowed to be taken on the expedition by students. If your child is found to have a mobile phone with them, they may be asked to leave the expedition.

The total cost for your child to take part is **£171.00**, which is broken down to a joining fee of £33.00 for their paperwork and 2 x £69.00 for each expedition. In order to secure your child's place, please pay the joining fee of £33.00 via ParentPay.

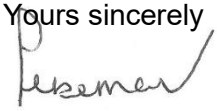
The payment of £69.00 for the practice expedition in April should be paid by Friday 5 February 2027. The payment of £69.00 for the final expedition in July should be paid by Friday 21 May 2027. Payment for the expeditions can also be made via ParentPay. If you need any assistance with ParentPay, please contact the finance team on ext. 153/107 or by email at finance@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk.

The attached joining form and expedition availability form should be returned to my office.

I would also be grateful if both yourself and your child would sign the attached confirmation form (if you have not already done so) agreeing to support and complete all sections of the programme to complete this inspiring award.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on extension 126, or by email to twiseman@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk

Yours sincerely



Mrs Tanya Wiseman

Duke of Edinburgh Manager

Please return this form to Mrs Wiseman in room 38 on Tuesday or Thursday

Student name: _____ Tutor group: _____

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We confirm that we have read and understood the letter regarding the elements which will need to be completed in order to be awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award.

We have made a note of the dates of the expeditions and understand that if either the expeditions or the online e D of E is not completed then my child will not receive the silver award.

We understand that students will not be permitted to bring personal mobile phones with them, and that any student found to have a phone with them may be asked to leave the expeditions.

Please tick:

Elements of the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award understood [ ]

Dates of both the practice and the final expedition have been noted [ ]

We understand that no personal mobile phone is allowed on the expedition [ ]

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Carer name: _____

Parent/Carer signature: _____

Date: _____