



3rd October 2016

Dear Parents

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

During 4th and 5th Form your daughter has the opportunity to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award. This is the world's leading youth achievement award which is valued by employers and universities, it is also a fantastic chance for your daughter to push personal boundaries, gain new skills and enhance their CVs.

In order to complete the Silver Award, students must spend six months volunteering, developing a skill and taking part in a physical activity once a week for one hour. They then must choose one of these areas to continue for a further three months.

Your daughter will also be required to complete the necessary training, a practice, and an assessment expedition which lasts three days (two nights).

The expeditions are being run by Mountainwise, an experienced provider of DofE trips to many other schools in our area. Mountainwise staff will attend all expeditions to a ratio of one member of staff to seven pupils.

The cost of enrolment to the Silver Award is £25 and the cost of the expedition run by Mountainwise is £410 which covers all training, both expedition weekends and all necessary camping equipment (excluding walking boots). Therefore the total cost of completing the Bronze Award is £435. Please be aware that on completing this form your deposit is non-refundable and that you are committed to paying the full balance.

There will be 4 training sessions which will run after school and will last 1.5 hours on the following dates: 21/02/17, 28/02/17, 02/03/17, and 07/03/17

Practice Expedition: 9th-11th September 2017

Assessment Expedition: 23rd-25th September 2017

This is a fantastic award and one that many pupils have enjoyed and gained many benefits from. I look forward welcoming another strong team to the Silver Award this year and invite them to attend an enrolment session on Monday 7th November 3:30-4:30pm at St Martha's.

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Please return the reply slip with a deposit of £150 if you would like your daughter to participate. Cheques should be made payable to Saint Martha's School. The deadline for this is Wednesday 19th October and the remaining balance will be due on Friday 9th December.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Wilkins
Director of Sport and Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

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Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award: Return to Miss Wilkins by 19th October

I give my permission for..... (*Daughter's name*) to attend the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Enrolment on Monday 7th November 3:30-4:30pm and take part in the Silver Award

I also enclose a non-refundable deposit of £150

Signed: (*Parent*) Date:

Please note that you will not be required to fill in a medical form for this trip. Girls' medical records, dietary requirements and emergency contact details are amended on our database once a year and for residential trips. However if your daughter's details have changed since you last updated a medical form, please inform our admin team (schooladmin@saint-marthas.org.uk) as soon as possible

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