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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your patience whilst the finance and expedition plans for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh scheme for 2022/23 have been arranged and confirmed.

In order to run the DofE as a Centre, there are costs that we have to cover. The total cost for each student undertaking Silver for the 2022/23 cohort is £202, which has been split into four non-refundable payments of £50.50. This cost covers the annual DofE Licensing fee charged to the centre, enrolment, admin, insurance, camp site fees and maintenance costs. The cost also covers minibus transport and van hire to and from the expedition locations. The cost does not cover personal or group kit or any additional costs associated with the volunteering, skill and physical sections of the award.

The initial £50.50 payment is due by Friday 16th December 2022. Once this payment has been received via Wisepay, your child will be registered with the Duke of Edinburgh Award as a Silver participant and their eDofE Account (online logbook) set up. At this time, a full timetable of sessions and events will be distributed via a dedicated Google Classroom for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award participants.

The remaining payments are due as follows:

- Payment 2: £50.50 Friday 3rd February 2023
- Payment 3: £50.50 Friday 7th April 2023
- Payment 4: £50.50 Friday 2nd June 2023

Ridgeway Academy will be running one Practice and one Qualifying Expedition this year to accommodate the numbers who have completed enrolment forms for the Silver Award. Our provisional expedition dates are outlined below. Please, keep these dates free in your family calendar:

- Training Day: Saturday 25th March 2023 at Ridgeway Academy
- Practice Expedition: Friday 9th June to Sunday 11th June 2023 in the South Downs
- Qualifying Expedition: Saturday 15th July to Monday 17th July 2023 in the Peak District.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to drop me an email at Richard.Sutton@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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