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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Year 10 Silver Enrolment **Trip/Award Leader: Ms Watson Jones**

I am writing to let you know of the exciting opportunity available to your child to achieve the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award through the academy when they enter Year 10. This is a co-curricular activity and is optionally available to all Year 10 students. Many of the current year group have already started/completed their Bronze Award, however, if your child has not yet been part of the D of E Award and you would like to know more about this opportunity please visit www.dofe.org, the school website; <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/learning/clubs-and-co-curricular/dofe/> or contact Ms Watson Jones.

The cost for the Silver Award enrolment is £25. This is payable via ParentPay*, with a deadline of **Friday 7th October**. This is **NOT** the total amount payable for the Award. This cost is for enrolment on the Silver Award only and is not refundable once the student is enrolled. There will be an additional cost for the expeditions and training that is payable later in the academic year.

Silver opportunities available:

Walking expeditions (2 x 3 days walking, 2 nights camping) – predicted cost around £285
Canoeing expeditions (2 x 4 days canoeing, 3 nights camping) – Predicted cost around £440

Costs are kept to a minimum and the academy does not receive any profit from this. Most of the costs are for assessors/supervisors, qualified staff with Mountain Leader qualifications and many hours of experience in their field. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award risk assessment and safety requirements now insist that qualified and approved staff have to be used.

If you have any queries or questions regarding the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at Watson-jones@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Ms Watson Jones
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager
Twitter: http://twitter.com/QEGS_DofE

**by clicking the "consent" button on ParentPay to confirm the payment detailed above, you are also confirming that the emergency contact and medical details we have on our system are correct for your child and that you understand that these fees are non-refundable.*

Please inform me as a matter of urgency should there be any changes to the details we hold.