

Bullers Wood School for Girls & Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Carer

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S SILVER AWARD 2021-22

We are very pleased to announce that all students in Year 12 have been successfully added to the eDofE platform. They should receive their log in details via their email and their enrolment packet should come in the post shortly. This letter will highlight our plan for the Year 13 and 12 Silver programme.

Important dates:

Now: All Silver students to log onto their eDofE accounts and upload their training plans. Please note your assessor **can not be a family member** and for their **job position enter** 'coach or instructor'. They can backdate their start date to June for Year 13s and September for Year 12s and I highly recommend to watch this video before attempting; <https://youtu.be/2jNfHskqZ-E>.

Now: Year 13 students were enrolled in June so they should have already started their sections. All students should have one section signed off by February, second one completed by Easter and the final section by June. Each student is required to participate in volunteering, a skill and a sport. Details of these may be found on the DofE website <https://www.dofe.org/do/>. Once a student completes a section they need an adult who is not a family member to complete an online assessor report. We will explain more to the students at our training sessions.

March (exact dates to be confirmed): The weekly training will start. All students will be asked in January if they have any preference of their training sessions. I will notify them by February of further details.

Students will complete a minimum of 10 training sessions and hopefully no more than 12. The after school sessions will last between 45mins and 1 hour 15 mins. They will be taught how to cook, pitch a tent, read maps, first aid, health and safety, the country code and other DofE topics. If a student misses a session they will be set work to complete. If anyone misses a second session they may be prevented from taking part in the final expedition. It is a DofE requirement that we must cover all topics before we undertake the walking expedition.

Students will choose their own walking groups. A walking group consists of a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 7 students. Groups will be decided in our training sessions.

3-Day Practice expedition and 3-Day Qualifying expedition. We are awaiting confirmation of final exam timetable for Year 13s. Both expeditions are likely to take place in June/July depending on exam dates. I will send a questionnaire out to all students over the Christmas break asking them to check their exam timetables so we can plan the dates for the expeditions.

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I hope all this information ensures we have a very successful year. Please make sure your child stays on top of completing their weekly hours and logging the information onto their account. If you have any questions please email me directly at acoop@bwsgirls.org

Yours sincerely



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