

# KING EDWARD VI ASTON SCHOOL

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Silver 2018

### Silver timescales:

- Volunteering section: 6 months
- Physical and Skills sections: One section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months
- **Applicants who have not completed their bronze award** must undertake a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.
- **one activity 12months one 6 months and one 3months**
- **website [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)**

### Dates for Diaries

**Saturday & Sunday, 26th January & 27th January 2019 from 10.00am-4.00pm.**

Training for the practice and qualifying expeditions On both days' students will **not** need to wear school uniform but will need to make arrangements to be brought to, and collected from:

**Day one** Youth Centre Clifton Road Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B736EB

The students will undertake navigation and campcraft training in Sutton Park and so must bring a **waterproof coat, warm clothing and sensible footwear on day one** as well as enough food and drink each day, packed in a rucksack on day one to carry in Sutton Park.

**Day two at school**

Students should also ensure that they bring general writing equipment on both days.

### Expeditions

#### Practice expedition

**Thursday 28th – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

#### Route planning at School

**Monday 1st April 2019 from 1.55 5.45pm.**

**Silver Qualifying Expedition Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

#### **Presentations on the aim of the expedition:**

Silver presentation Thursday 1.50 pm 9th May 2019 week 2

Each Group will give a presentation on their expedition aim; all participants must attend the presentation for their group.

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**Attendance at all training sessions is essential. Non-attendance for reasons other than illness is likely to result in the student not being able to continue on the scheme.**

Further details will be available on the **School website** under Duke of Edinburgh

Students must appreciate that when off-site they are representing the school and **exemplary** behaviour will be expected at all times. Students exhibiting inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour and/or whose actions result in damage to equipment will be required to meet any replacement costs and may not be allowed to continue on the scheme.

For both the practice & qualifying expeditions parents are responsible for:

Ensuring their son is at the starting point at the agreed time and ensuring that their son is collected from the finishing point at the agreed time.

Ensuring that their son is properly equipped (an equipment list will be issued at the Training weekend and will be available on the school web site).

Information of camp addresses will be posted on the school website under Parents Duke of Edinburgh prior to each expedition.

A Personal Equipment Order Hire Form is available on the school website

The school will provide tents, stoves and fuel. All personal equipment is the responsibility of parents and students and an equipment list will be issued at the Training weekend. Personal equipment (rucksacks, sleeping bags, roll mats) can be hired or purchased from Big Strides Consulting Ltd. **This must be ordered and paid for Via parent pay.** Equipment will be given out at the start point. If you have ordered personal equipment this will also be given prior to the expedition in school

If you wish your son to participate in the award please return the following documents to Mrs Concannon by **Friday, 26th October 2018** using the student post box by the main school office.

- i. A completed participant enrolment form (attached)
- ii. A payment for silver of £341.00 which can be paid in instalments, the school preferred method is through Parent Pay. **Please note this will not appear on your Parent Pay until you return the enrolment form.**
- iii. Cheques will still be accepted (made payable to King Edward VI Aston School). Please write your son's name & form on the back of the cheque. & "Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award"

No student will be prevented from participating in the award due to financial hardship. Parents who would find it difficult to make a contribution should contact Mr Parker at [c.parker@keaston.bham.sch.uk](mailto:c.parker@keaston.bham.sch.uk) at the earliest opportunity. Please email [b.piper@keastom.bham.sch.uk](mailto:b.piper@keastom.bham.sch.uk) if you are entitled to FSM or Albion Trust.