

Our Ref JP/EH/RMO

5<sup>th</sup> July 2024



Dear Parent/Carer

Wednesfield Academy  
www.wednesfieldacademy.co.uk

### **Duke of Edinburgh – Silver Award 2024-2025**

I am delighted to offer your child the opportunity to complete the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award at Wednesfield Academy during this academic year. This is a prestigious award that provides pupils with the opportunity to develop their leadership and teamwork skills, as well as their resilience and organisation. This is an impressive accolade to add to their CV and will be a huge draw for potential employers. The award takes real commitment and pupils will be expected to attend several after-school training sessions beforehand. Pupils will also have to complete the different sections of the award. These will be done during after school clubs once a week from 3-4pm and in their own time.

Pupils who took part in the Bronze Award in Year 9 will not have to take part in all the training sessions, as they have already completed these areas. Pupils who did not take part in the Bronze Award in Year 9 can take a direct route to the Silver Award but must take part in all the training sessions.

Please click [here](#) to find out more information on the different sections of the award. If pupils do not attend these sessions regularly, and/or fail to meet deadlines given, they will not be allowed to go on the expedition during the summer term.

All pupils will receive a practice expedition of 2 days and 2 nights during the summer term. The assessed expedition will take place for 3 days and 2 nights during the summer term. The cost of the award is **£120**. This includes the registration fee, camp site fees for the expedition in the summer term, a training day, petrol costs and group equipment hire including tents and cooking equipment. You will need to pay a **£50** deposit on the WeDuc (Matrix) app to secure your child's place on the award. This must be paid by **Wednesday 17th July 2024**.

Can I please reiterate this deposit is non-refundable, and if your child decides later to discontinue with the award, no part of the deposit will be reimbursed. The final payment of **£70** will be due by the **Monday 14th October 2024**. There are a limited number of spaces available so pupils' behaviour and attendance will be considered. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, then this award will be funded in full by the school.

There is the additional cost of personal equipment to consider. All pupils will require walking boots, sleeping bag and roll mat, a large 65L rucksack, expedition clothing and food. However, if you are unable to purchase an item of appropriate clothing, walking boots, sleeping bag or an appropriately sized rucksack then please inform the school as we do have a limited amount of spare kit which can be lent to the pupils.

Please make payment on WeDuc and complete the consent form below and return to Ms Hanson. Should you have any queries, please contact Ms Hanson (Assistant Headteacher) on 01902 558222 or email [postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk](mailto:postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk).

Yours faithfully



Mr Phillips  
**Headteacher**



Ms Hanson  
**Assistant Headteacher**

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**Consent Form**  
**Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award**

Name of Pupil: ..... Form: .....

- I wish for my child to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award.
- I have made payment on WeDuc (Matrix) app.
- My child is in receipt of Free School Meals.

***Please return consent form to Ms Hanson (Assistant Headteacher).***

