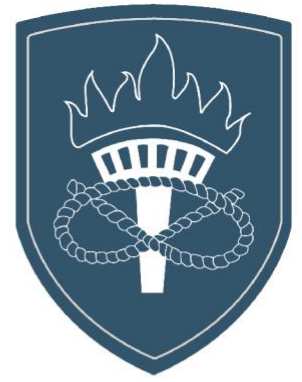


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30th November 2023



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Duke of Edinburgh – Silver Award 2023-24

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to offer your child the opportunity to complete the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award as part of Discovery Week at Barr Beacon School. 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. This is a real commitment and pupils will be expected to attend several after school sessions and training sessions beforehand. Pupils will also have to complete the different sections of the award. These will be done in their own time. 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 meet deadlines given, they will not be allowed to go on the expedition during Discovery Week.

The Silver Award is a step up from the Bronze Award. However, if you have not already completed the Bronze Award you can still complete the Silver Award. More information on timescales and the different sections can be found [here](#).

The expedition section is solely run through school. All pupils will receive a training day, in school, which will include navigation training during the Spring term. The practice expedition will take place from Friday 24th – Sunday 26th May 2024. Friday will consist of a training day to refresh your child's knowledge and develop their expedition skills further. Your child will then go to the Long Mynd area of Shropshire and spend 2 days walking and developing their expedition skills. If your child did not participate in the Bronze Award, they will need to attend some additional training sessions.

The qualifying expedition will then take place during Discovery Week **Friday 12th-Thursday 18th July 2024**. Pupils will spend Friday in school, planning their routes and refreshing their expedition knowledge and skills. Pupils will then spend Monday-Wednesday out on expedition in the Peak District area. On Thursday they will complete a presentation with their group to discuss what they learnt whilst on expedition. The cost of the award is **£150**. This includes the registration fee, camp sites fees for the expedition during Discovery Week, a training day, petrol costs and group equipment hire including tents and cooking equipment. You will need to pay a **£50 non-refundable** deposit on Weduc to secure your child's place on the award. This must be paid by Thursday 21st December 2023. Can we 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 £100 will be due by Thursday 22nd February 2024. If your child is in receipt of free school meals this opportunity is funded.



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Please consider that there is the additional cost of personal equipment. All pupils will require walking boots, sleeping bag and roll mat, a large 65 litre 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.

Should you have any queries, please contact Miss Clarke (Assistant Headteacher) via postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

Please return the consent form to reception by Thursday 21st December 2023.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Hibbs
Headteacher

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Pupil name:

Pupil form:

- My child is entitled to free school meals.
- I have paid the deposit via Weduc and attach the receipt.

Signature:

Date:



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