

# Newsletter

## January 2023



We are sending this to all parents/carers of students in Year 9-13 to keep you informed about what is happening with the Award at Arthur Terry, as we continue to recover normal services following the Covid pandemic. Please read the sections that apply to you and note that this has not been sent to students directly!

### Enrolment on the Award

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**Year 9** - Several students have already asked when they can enrol. There will be a parent and student information evening in April but before then you can find more information about the Award on our website: <https://arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/students/duke-of-edinburgh/>

**Year 10** - We have 60 students enrolled already and have decided to extend the deadline to Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Students that wish to enrol on Bronze can complete an enrolment form from our website then hand this to reception and make the payment of £110 by Parent Pay. Students that have handed in a form and paid but have not yet received their account details should see Miss Wilson as there will be a query about the enrolment.

**Year 11/12** - We have 20 students enrolled already and have decided to extend the deadline to Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Students that wish to enrol on Silver, or Silver Direct if they haven't completed Bronze, can complete an enrolment form from our website then hand this to reception and make the payment of £150 by Parent Pay. Only students that complete their Silver Award by July 2023 will be permitted to enrol on the Gold Award. Students that have handed in a form and paid but have not yet received their account details should see Miss Wilson as there will be a query about the enrolment.

### Current participants completing awards (Year 10-13)

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**Check you are completed** - Many students have completed their Bronze or Silver Awards and they can see this on their eDofE account so please look before contacting us about this. Completed Awards will be presented at our Award Evening and the date of this will be communicated in due course. You will receive an invite to this event. This is likely to be close to Easter now as we arrange this when former students are home from university.

**If you haven't completed your Award** - We spend a large amount of time following up on completions with students. Students need to be proactive and if their Award is not complete, they need to upload evidence urgently or come and see us if they need support or advice. Awards that remain incomplete within the next month are likely to not be invited to our Award Evening.

**The effect of non-completion and not responding to queries** - Due to there being large numbers of students that previously enrolled during Covid and beyond but have not yet completed their Award, we took the decision to postpone our Award Night to give them more time to do this and have followed this up with students too. Students who have not proven they have completed each section have delayed presenting Awards to students that have done everything as asked. We want as many people

as possible at our Award Night to celebrate their success but at the present time there just isn't enough students with completed Awards to arrange the evening.

Students not fully completing Bronze and yet signing up to Silver has meant that we could not run a practice expedition for Silver in October as planned. There were not enough completions to be able to arrange this, so we have calendared a practice expedition for March 2023. Students who have not completed Bronze Award by 31<sup>st</sup> January and have enrolled on Silver will be withdrawn from the Silver Award and be provided with a refund.

## Date changes!

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**Year 9** - Look out for the date of our information evening!

**Year 10** - Bronze Expedition Training has been rearranged to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 9am to 3pm. This has been due to an overseas trip and the school show. All students are required to attend this. Expedition dates shared previously are still provisional and will be confirmed as soon as possible.

**Year 11-13** - **Gold and Silver Expedition planning on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January has been postponed due to a lack of completion of previous Awards.** We intend to re-arrange this for later this term. The Silver Practice Expedition date for Year 11 and 12 has also been changed and we are awaiting confirmation that this can go ahead on an alternative date before Easter.

**We are sorry that we cannot finalize expedition dates at this point. After the enrolment/completion deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January we will be able to provide firm dates for all training and expeditions.**

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