



# Icknield Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer

This week's assembly launched the Duke of Edinburgh season. As your child is now in Year 10 and will turn 15 within the school year, they are eligible to enrol as Silver participants, whether or not they completed the Bronze Award last year. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a fantastic opportunity for young people to learn new skills, take on new challenges and responsibilities, and boost their confidence.

The Award consists of four sections: Volunteering, Skill, Physical and Expedition. Each participant completes one hour per week for 3 or 6 months for each of the Volunteering, Skill, and Physical sections, as well as undertaking a 3 day walking and 2 night camping Expedition. Students who have not completed the Bronze Award need to continue one of these sections for a further 6 months.

To help students with their time management, but still allow them to complete the Award at Icknield Community College, students will undertake the Silver Award across both Years 10 and 11. Students can decide when they want to complete their Volunteering, Skill and Physical sections across the two school years. However, all sections must be completed before the qualifying expedition in Easter of year 11. This is to ensure they achieve their Award before their GCSE exams start.

This season the Practice Expedition will take place in the New Forest on **Saturday 6 April – Monday 8 April 2019**. Then, in **April 2020** in the following school year, the Qualifying Expedition will take place in either the Brecon Beacons or the Forest of Dean. The anticipated cost of the Practice Expedition is £73.

To reserve a place, please return the Participant Enrolment Form to the Finance Office by **Friday 7 December 2018**. Payment of **£21** (which is non-refundable) for the Enrolment fees, includes students' welcome pack and their own eDofE account to track their Award and section successes, not to mention their badge and certificate once they have completed their Award! Please make payment by cheque (payable to Acer Trust) or cash to the Finance Office, alternatively on line via ParentMail +Pay.

For more information about the Award, there will be a student and parent information evening at 6:00pm on Thursday 8 November in the school canteen.

Yours faithfully

Katherine Scane  
DofE Co-ordinator