



15 May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

## ***Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award***

We are delighted to inform you that The High Weald Academy is introducing the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and students have recently attended an assembly where we shared information about this exciting opportunity.

The Award is an internationally run programme aimed at challenging young people to learn new skills by completing 4 activities: a skill, a voluntary task, a physical activity and an expedition. The skill, voluntary task and physical activity need to happen once a week for 6 months to a year and the expedition is a three day residential event.

Students in Year 10 are eligible to work towards the Silver award.

At this stage, we are trying to gauge interest from our families and students around desire to participate in the scheme and of course the cost involved.

If enough interest is expressed and the award is viable to run, a parents' information session will be held later this academic year. The information session will be an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about this worthwhile experience that is not only valuable academically (universities and colleges value the resilience aspect of the award) but also helps broaden the minds of young people.

There is a cost to this scheme and the amount will be dependent on the number of students that sign up and the logistics (your son/daughter will be going on 3 expeditions and have route planning sessions) which is another reason why we need to measure the interest for the award. If money is an issue, do bear in mind that there are external grants available of up to £100 which we will assist you in this programme.

We'd be grateful if you would complete the attached slip indicating whether or not this scheme is of interest and if so how much you would be prepared to contribute. Please return to the academy office by 22 May 2019.

Yours sincerely

Mr IFRAH, DofE Lead

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DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER AWARD

Student Name .....

Tutor Group .....

(Please tick one of the boxes below)

I would be interested to enrol my son/daughter if...

- I'm interested in enrolling my son/daughter if the cost doesn't go over £100
- I'm interested in enrolling my son/daughter if the cost doesn't go over £150
- I'm interested in enrolling my son/daughter if the cost doesn't go over £200
- I'm interested in enrolling my son/daughter if the cost doesn't go over £250
- I am not interested in enrolling my son/daughter.

Parent/Carer signature ..... Date: .....