

Dear Parents,

For the 2020/21 academic year I will be coordinating the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme from St John's School.

The DofE Award Scheme is a life-changing experience and an opportunity to discover new interests and talents. Participants aged 14-24 years old can do a DofE programme at one of three progressive levels which, when successfully completed, leads to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Participants are involved in helping the community/environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, planning, training for and completing an expedition.

The Silver award scheme will involve taking part in a five-day expedition which takes place off school site in the Essex countryside. The expedition will run in April or July next year (2021). Training for the expeditions involves learning to map read, emergency first aid training and orienteering skills. The expedition provides a wonderful opportunity for developing team building and problem-solving skills.

The expedition is organised through a company called Mud and Maps. Vicky Munday will be coordinating this aspect of the award scheme. Please note that there is a charge of approximately £220 plus VAT for this expedition. This cost includes all the training, loan of the kit and all camping equipment, which is payable **directly** to Mud and Maps. Booking for this aspect of the award scheme is through the Mud and Maps website directly.

Please note there is a charge of £65 for the DofE welcome pack. Please make payment via BACs transfer (regular account) or cheques payable to St John's School. Please clearly reference 'DofE' and your child's name when making payment.

If you have any questions about the award, then please don't hesitate to contact me by email [a.read@stjohnsschool.net](mailto:a.read@stjohnsschool.net) or via the school office.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Read  
DofE Co-ordinator

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By signing this permission slip, I agree to my child taking part in the DofE Award scheme and understand that Mud and Maps are responsible for coordinating the expedition section.

Name of Child: .....

Child's Email address: .....

D.O.B: .....

Parent Signature: .....

Print Name (Block Capitals): .....

Please return permission slip to Miss Read, P.E Department upon return to school and make payment by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at the latest.