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Dear Parent/Carer

Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

We would like to invite your child to take part in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. This is offered both to students who have completed their Bronze Award **and** to those who wish to directly complete the Silver Award. We feel that it will be beneficial to them during their time at Sackville and it will stand them in good stead for life once they leave school. It is looked upon particularly favourably by universities and employers. The award is designed to be progressive, fun, available to all and to offer young people opportunities they may not otherwise experience. Details of the Silver Award are attached.

After a 'starting out' meeting, students will be assigned a Duke of Edinburgh Award mentor and can meet with or email their mentor to discuss progress and resolve any queries. All of the recording of their progress and signing off will take place online. If there is no access to the internet at home it will be possible to logon from the school computers.

There will be 3 **compulsory** sessions in the spring and summer terms to provide training in campcraft, navigation and first aid for the expedition. The practice and qualifying expeditions will take place in the summer term. There is an additional cost for the training and expedition and further details will be given closer to the time, although it is expected to be in the region of £55.

To enrol on the award scheme the cost is £16.00. Cheques should be made payable to Sackville School and returned, along with a completed enrolment form, to Mr Morris by Friday 21st November.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Morris

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