

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and that this email finds you well. It's fantastic to see the progress our students have made so far on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award journey, and we're excited to continue supporting them as they work toward achieving this incredible milestone.

1. Sections Progress

As some students have now completed 13 weeks in their 3-month section, these can start to come to a close if the required duration has been achieved. Students have been guided on how to log and complete their sections on the Google Classroom page, where all scenarios are clearly explained. Please encourage your child to follow these steps to finalise their sections when ready.

2. Practice Walk

Our next practice walk will take place on **Saturday, 1st February, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.**

- The students will be walking in the local area in their teams, guided by their leaders.
- We will finish back at the school site, ready for collection at **12:00 noon.**
- If you wish for your child to walk home after the practice walk, please email me at c.hewitt@fareham-academy.co.uk to give your permission.

For this walk, we ask that students are equipped as though it were an actual expedition:

- Walking boots
- Backpacks
- Correct clothing
- Water
- Snacks (very important!)

These walks are a fantastic opportunity for the students to build their confidence, practice teamwork, and develop their skills for the upcoming expeditions.

3. Support and Monitoring

We want both you and your child to feel fully supported throughout the Silver DofE programme. If your child is experiencing challenges in completing any of their sections or logging their progress, please don't hesitate to reach out to me for guidance.

The DofE is all about helping young people develop resilience, independence, and confidence, and we're committed to making their experience as positive as possible.

4. Parent Involvement

While this award is focused on self-sufficiency, your support at home is invaluable. A quick check-in with your child about their progress or encouraging them to log their activities can be a big help. If you have any questions, worries, or concerns, please feel free to email me at c.hewitt@fareham-academy.co.uk.

Thank you for your continued support. We are proud of the dedication and hard work the students have shown and look forward to seeing them achieve their goals in the months ahead.

Kind regards,
Miss Hewitt
DofE Manager