



September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Award Enrolment - Silver Level

We are pleased to inform you that we will be offering the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award this year. Students who have completed the Bronze level can embark upon this award. Students who have not been involved with the DofE Award can also sign up for the Silver level but one of the sections will need to be slightly longer than usual. The application form is on the Year 10 'Intake' Google Classroom.

Physical, Skill and Volunteering sections

For the Silver award students must complete the following sections within the timescales detailed below. For volunteering/physical/skills sections it may be something they are already doing or they might start something new. These sections can be completed at opportunities inside or outside of school.

Volunteering section: 6 months

Physical and Skills sections: One section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months

If students didn't complete the Bronze award, they must **undertake a further 6 months** in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections. They will also need to undertake additional after school sessions.

A list of ideas for each activity can be found [here](#). Please look to secure opportunities as soon as possible.

Expedition

The expedition for the Silver award involves journeying and camping over 3 days and 2 nights. We will be visiting the Cotswolds and the Peak District for the expedition sections.

Provisional dates:

Please note these are provisional dates and may be subject to change once we have firm numbers.

- Practice Expedition: Thursday 6 June to Saturday 8 June 2024
- Qualifying Expedition: Thursday 11 June to Saturday 13 July

Students will be transported to and from these destinations via school minibus or coach, depending on numbers.

The estimated cost for taking part in the Silver Award will be between £330 and £360, depending on numbers. In cases of genuine financial hardship, please contact Mrs Wilson in the Finance Office in confidence.

As with the other levels, once a student has enrolled they will be registered, insured with DofE and able to login to the eDofE system where all of their evidence for the scheme must be recorded.

Registering your interest

If your child would like to apply, the first step is for them to complete the short online form posted on their Intake Google Classroom. The form asks students for basic details and also about what activities they would potentially do for the physical, skill and volunteering sections. See here for the [list](#). The deadline for completing this form is Monday 2 October

Yours sincerely

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