



Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your son/daughter has expressed a wish to continue with their Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme journey and attempt the Silver Award, which is being provided through us at school. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a charity (commonly abbreviated to DofE) and is the generic name for a youth awards programme founded in the United Kingdom in 1956 by the late Prince Philip, then Duke of Edinburgh. It is a national award scheme, which is highly respected by school, colleges, universities and employers. To achieve a Silver Award, students will need to complete the same four sections they did for the Bronze Award, but on this occasion, the timeframes are longer. To achieve Silver, they must complete 2 activities for 6 months and one for 3 months. Volunteering must be for 6 months.

If your son/daughter decides they wish to participate in the DofE scheme, there will be a cost. However, as they have already contributed to the school fund when they took part in the Bronze award, initially the only fees required is the registration fee, which is £28.00 per student. Additional fees to cover the costs of the expeditions will be notified beforehand, this will include pitch fees, food if required and transport, as necessary. There are 2 mandatory expeditions to complete the Silver Award, a 2-day practice and a 3-day qualifying expedition. The dates for these expeditions have been set as:

- Practice expedition – 28th & 29th March 2025
- Qualifying expedition – 11th to 13th July 2025

Participants will continue to have access to eDofE for recording of activities, provide limited personal accident insurance and an achievement pack. They will also continue to have the use of their discount card with many providers of equipment such as GoOutdoors, Blacks and other outlets. On completion of the Silver Award, participants will again receive a certificate and a badge.

If your son/daughter would like to enrol onto the Silver Award, please complete the Microsoft Forms enrolment form [here](#). If there are any aspects you are unable to complete, please leave them blank, but ensure that your form is marked by both the participant and person with parental responsibility to secure their place and make an initial payment of £28.00 through ParentPay by 15th November 2024. All enrolment forms need to be completed online by 15th November 2024. If you have any further enquiries regarding the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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