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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh – Silver Award

I'm pleased to let you know that we are able to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) award to students in Year 10. The DofE is a great chance for your child to broaden their horizons, discover new interests and talents, have fun with friends, develop essential skills for their future and achieve an internationally renowned Award.

About the Duke of Edinburgh Award

The DofE Award is non-competitive and open to all young people – it's about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries.

Through their DofE, students will make friends and memories and develop traits like confidence, resilience and self-esteem, which can benefit their mental fortitude throughout their lives and careers. They will gain skills and attributes for work and life, like problem-solving, team-working and self-motivation – and they'll achieve an Award that's recognised by top employers and can help them stand out when applying for University or jobs.

To achieve their award, participants must complete four sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical and their Expedition. Every young person's DofE programme is personal to them – they can choose what they'd like to do for their Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections, and most activities can count. We will provide guidance and support, and students can either choose to continue an activity they already do or discover something completely new. Activity ideas can be found using the following link - <https://www.dofe.org/do/ideas/>

Activities for each section take a minimum of one hour a week over a set period of time, so they can fit around studying, hobbies and social lives. For more details about programmes and timescales please visit [DofE.org/do](https://www.dofe.org/)

About the expedition

The Expedition section involves your child working as part of a small team to plan their expedition's aim and do some training to make sure they are fully prepared. For the Silver award they will be spending three days and two nights in the countryside. Training and practice expeditions will be included.

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Award	Silver (Year 10+)
Timescale	<p>Direct entrants (if the bronze award has been completed) 6 months to complete.</p> <p>3 months in each section (Physical, Skill and Volunteering) and then an additional 3 months on two sections of your choice.</p> <p>If the bronze award has not been completed 12 months to complete. As the above time scales but to include an additional 6 months in one of the above 6 month chosen activity.</p>
Expedition Length	3 days 2 nights
Practice session in preparation for the expedition.	30 th June - 2 nd July 2026
Assessed Expedition	14 th July - 16 th July 2026
Total cost including enrolment fee*	£258.50

*Please note that the above pricing does not include personal equipment or transport. Once numbers are finalised, we will be able to provide costings for transport which will be circulated via a letter. Once signed up for the award, students will receive a discount card which will enable them to receive discounts at specific retailers for their personal DofE Expedition equipment. The costings include all admin costs associated with the award, your child's participation place and welcome pack, personalised DofE discount card, costings for fully qualified external staff running the training days, expeditions, campsite fees, use of specialist group equipment such as tents, stoves, gas etc.

eDofE and the DofE App

Participants can create their DofE programme and record their progress using eDofE, the DofE's digital system, available online at eDofE.org and through the DofE app- downloadable for free from Google Play and the App store

Remote Supervision

In order for students to achieve all the aims of the DofE, they need to be self-sufficient, completing their Expedition without any outside assistance. This means during their practice and qualifying Expedition, groups will need to be supervised remotely. Our Expedition provider, River and Ridge, have highly experienced and specialised staff who will teach your child all the necessary skills prior to their expedition and will remotely supervise students on Expedition, meeting groups at checkpoints and will be on call to offer advice and sort any issues.

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How to Register for the Award

Prior to registering for the award, students need to ensure they have begun to consider a Skill, Physical and volunteering opportunity and have collated the below information in regards to this. The link below may help your child decide on the activities they wish to do with the DofE approved activity list. <https://www.dofe.org/do/ideas/>. The Bitesize planner will help with the planning of the activities.

- 1) Name of activity
- 2) Location of activity
- 3) Assessors name and role (e.g. Netball coach)
- 4) Proposed start date
- 5) Timescale of activity.

To sign up your child to the award please complete the following steps:

- 1) Complete the digital enrolment form by clicking the link below
- 2) Pay the non-refundable deposit on ParentPay. By paying the deposit you are agreeing to meet the deadlines for payments outlined below.

Payment Deadline	Silver
12/01/2026	£30.50 enrolment fee
01/03/2026	£114.00
01/04/2026	£114.00
Total cost including enrolment	£258.50

Digital Enrolment form

Please click the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/YMmrT7GW13>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. The DofE website – www.dofe.org - has a lot of useful information too.

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In school sessions

To support students with logging on to their e-dofe account, going through different sections, equipment, basic first aid and navigational skills there will be fortnightly sessions held on Tuesday week B in A10 at lunch time and or afterschool starting from Tuesday 25th November 2025.

Yours sincerely



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