







Duke of Edinburgh Silver – 2025/26 – Key Information

What's involved?

Adventurous, caring, sporty, creative... however you might describe yourself, the DofE is for you. Anyone in the school year in which you turn 14, to aged 24 can take part. There are three progressive levels of programmes which when completed lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold DofE Award.

To achieve your Silver Award, you'll need to complete your own programme of activities in these four sections (the expedition will be done through school!):

	Volunteering		Physical
	Skills		Expedition

How long will it take?

Activities for each DofE section take a minimum of one hour per week over a set period of time, so they can be fitted in around your studies and life outside school.

You'll need to participate regularly and show that you're committed to your DofE during this time.

SILVER AWARD			
VOLUNTEERING	PHYSICAL	SKILLS	EXPEDITION
6 months	6 OR 3 months	6 OR 3 months	3 days 2 nights
Physical and Skills sections: one section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months			
If you didn't do BRONZE, you must do a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.			

Key Dates

All sessions are compulsory as they form an essential part of the expedition training and our health and safety risk assessments. Below is a list of several dates that must be attended. Please be aware, some of these dates may have to be altered nearer the time due to unforeseen circumstances.

Due to the Silver award being a step up from Bronze and due to transport limitations, we are only able to accept 14 students. If we have more than 14 apply, students will be selected based on their performance and progress with their Bronze award.

Below is a table of dates which your son/daughter will be required to attend:

	When?	Timings
Afterschool Training and eDofE Sessions	Thursday 8 th January Thursday 12 th February Thursday 5 th March Thursday 7 th May	3.15pm – 5.00pm
Practice (Overnight) Expedition	Thursday 16 th April Friday 17 th April Saturday 18 th April	3.15pm on Thursday – 1.00pm on Saturday
Qualifying (Overnight) Expedition	Thursday 14 th May Friday 15 th May Saturday 16 th May	7.00am on Thursday – 5.00pm on Saturday

The Cost

It will cost £200 to carry out the award (this can be £350+ with other providers!) If your child receives Free School Meals then the cost will be £100.

You will need to pay the school via the Gateway in the following instalments:

- £50 – 5th January (non-refundable) (£25)
- £50 – 1st March (£25)
- £50 – 3rd May (£25)
- £50 – 1st June (£25)

Extras costs will also include:

- Expedition food
- Clothing
- Equipment (we will provide tents / stoves)

You receive a 15% discount at Cotswold Outdoors & other retailers for signing up to the DofE.