Duke of Edinburgh Silver – 2026/27 – 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.



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 14th January Thursday 4th February Thursday 4th March Thursday 22nd April	3.15pm – 5.00pm
Practice (Overnight) Expedition	Thursday 8th April Friday 9th April Saturday 10th April	3.15pm on Thursday – 1.00pm on Saturday
Qualifying (Overnight) Expedition	Thursday 6th May Friday 7th May Saturday 8th 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 – 4th January (non-refundable) (£25)
- £50 – 1st March (£25)
- £50 – 5th April (£25)
- £50 – 3rd May (£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.