

LGW- Year 10

06 December 2023

Dear Parent and/or Carer,

Your child has expressed an interest in completing their Silver DofE Award. They do not have to have completed their Bronze Award to sign up for the Silver Award.

What is The Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award?

It is recognition of a young person's successful journey of self-discovery and development, acclaimed by employers and universities alike for demonstrating the qualities it develops in the young people who achieve it. It is a balanced programme that develops the whole person - mind, body and soul, in an environment of social interaction and team working. The Silver Award takes approximately 12 months to complete.

Completion of the Silver Award will involve your son/daughter successfully completing 4 different sections enabling them to show commitment and further develop their skills. The four sections include a physical activity, a skill, volunteering and completing a 3 day expedition (including two nights of camping). It may be that they are already taking part in an activity that falls into one of the sections, in which case they will now be able to gain recognition for this. Equally, we will be encouraging pupils to undertake new experiences.

All after-school training sessions for the award will commence after Christmas, running from 3:30pm – 4:30pm on a Monday. Your child will receive a full training calendar once they have enrolled. Bus passes are available for students who normally travel via school bus.

How much does it cost?

It costs £140 to complete the DofE Silver Award in total. This is required in 3 instalments spread across the year (see overleaf), paid via My Child at school App. We have decided to split the costs across the year to make the payments more accessible. We pride ourselves on being one of the cheapest centres offering DofE in the region; however, we do require the payments to cover outgoing costs for your child to complete the award. The £140 cost covers:

- Online access to eDofE, admin, insurance and certification costs (**£30**)
- All internal training run by JCSC qualified staff (£0).
- Practice Expedition & qualifying expedition, including campsite fees, transport to and from JCSC & assessor fees (£110)

Not included.

- Refundable kit deposit – this allows your child to borrow the majority of kit required to complete their expedition, saving you £100s. (£25 refundable)

There is funding available for students that receive Free School Meals to cover the cost of the award. Please see overleaf for more information.

Your child will need to provide walking boots/shoes for the expeditions. A kit list is attached, showing what we are able to provide to your son/daughter free of charge and what they will be required to supply themselves. They do not require any of the kit until the Easter term.

In order to enrol your child onto The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, please could you complete and return the enrolment form/reply slip (attached) and make the first £30 instalment via My Child at school App by Friday 8th December 2023. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. L Gwillim

DofE Centre Manager
Lgwillim01@jcsc.co.uk

Payments:

The following instalments are required by the following dates:

- Instalment 1: Friday 12th January 2024 (£30) – pay via My Child at school App
- Instalment 2: Friday 19th February 2024 (£40) – pay via My Child at school App
- Instalment 3: Friday 22nd March 2024 (£40 pay via My Child at school App)

What if my child receives Free School Meals?

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, then we can apply for funding to cover the cost of the award. Please tick the appropriate box on the reply slip if you would like to be considered for this funding. Each funding application is considered on an individual basis and we will contact you individually to inform you whether the application was successful. If funding is successfully granted, you will still be required to pay instalment 2 in order to borrow kit.

What if my child decides to drop out of the award?

If your child decides to withdraw from the award at any time throughout the year, you will not be required to pay the remaining instalments. However, we are not able to refund any payments made after the instalment deadlines.

Expeditions:

Your child will be required to attend both the Practice Expedition and the Qualifying Expedition in order to complete this section of the award.

Silver Practice Expedition: Friday 10th May – Sunday 12 May 2024, exact time to be confirmed. (The Cheviot Hills, Northumberland)

Silver Qualifying Expedition: Thursday 11th July – Saturday 13th July 2024 (Durham Dales, Barnard Castle)

Kit

In order to keep the cost of the award a cheap as possible, we are able to provide students with the majority of kit needed to complete the expedition section of the award. The table below outlines the kit that is needed, what the students are required to supply themselves and what we can offer. In order to maintain the kit, we do require a £25 deposit for the kit, which is refundable on the basis that all the kit is returned and not damaged (this does not include general wear and tear).

Kit WE can provide	Kit PARTICIPANTS need to provide
Waterproof Jackets	Walking boots (broken in)
Waterproof Trousers	2 pairs of walking socks
Rucksacks	Base layers
Tents	Gloves
Sleeping Bags	Hat
Sleeping Mats	Base layers
Sleeping Bag Liners	Walking Trousers or tracksuit bottoms (not cotton)
First Aid Kits	2-3 T-shirts (not cotton) or quick-dry tops
Group Shelters	Fleece or Mid-layer
Survival Bags	Underwear
Compasses	Nightwear
Maps	Wash kit
Whistles	2 x 1L Water bottle
Head torches	Sun cream
Dry bags	Expedition Food
Spork and bowl	



DofE Participant Enrolment Form

Please print clearly in **CAPITALS** or type your details in. You must complete all of the questions.

DofE Centre and group details (if you know them):

DofE Centre: James Calvert Spence College	DofE group: N/A
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DofE level:

Bronze <input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gold <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you registered for any previous levels of the DofE? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES – please give the name of the DofE Centre you were registered at: eDofE ID number (if known) :

Personal details:

First name:	Last name:
Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth: / /
Primary language English <input type="checkbox"/> Welsh <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date you wish to start your DofE programme if known (enrolment date):	/ /

When you first sign in to eDofE you will be asked to record some personal details such as your contact details, ethnicity and personal circumstances along with details of any medical needs you may have. This data is used to enable your Leaders to support you doing your DofE programme and for the DofE's statistical and reporting purposes. You will always have a 'prefer not to say' option.

Contact details:

Email address:	
Address (line1):	
Address (line 2):	
Town/City:	
County:	Postcode:





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Telephone:	Mobile number:
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Emergency contact details:

Emergency Contact name:	Relationship to you:
Emergency contact telephone number(s):	

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Declaration:

I agree to enrol as a participant on a DofE programme. I understand that I will be managing my programme using the online eDofE system. I acknowledge that this system has a set of terms and conditions that I agree to. These terms and conditions are available at www.eDofE.org

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Consent to enrol from parent or guardian (if applicant is under 18 years old).

- I agree to my son / daughter / ward doing a DofE programme. I note that it is my responsibility to check that any activity my son / daughter / ward undertakes for their DofE programme is appropriately managed and insured, unless the activity is directly managed or organised by their DofE group, centre or Licensed Organisation.
- I have paid the initial instalment of £30 via School Comms.
- I agree to pay the following instalments via School Comms by the following deadlines in order to complete DofE Silver.
 - Instalment 1: Friday 12th January 2024 (£30) – pay via My Child at school App
 - Instalment 2: Friday 19th February 2024 (£40) – pay via My Child at school App
 - Instalment 3: Friday 22nd March 2024 (£40 pay via My Child at school App)
- I give permission for my child:
 - To remain behind after-school for any DofE training session throughout the year 2023-2024.
 - To take the public bus home (if required).
 - To use all of the outdoor equipment required to prepare them for their expedition (and that if my child damages the equipment that they will be charged for a replacement).

My child is eligible for Free School Meals – I would like my child to be considered for the funding grant to cover the £140 cost of the award (please tick). You will still be required to pay the £25 kit deposit, if successful.

I understand that the DofE Centre Manager reserves the right to remove my child from DofE if their behaviour in school or during any DofE training session/expedition is poor and/or causes concern over the safety of the group.

Print Name	Signature	Date





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Note:

Data supplied on this form and in eDofE and information about DofE activities recorded in eDofE will be used by the DofE Charity, the Licensed Organisation and DofE centre to monitor and manage DofE participation and progress by young people and manage and support Leaders.

The DofE Charity will use personal data to communicate useful and relevant information to either help participants complete a DofE programme, Leaders/LOs to run DofE programmes more effectively or help the DofE Charity to improve the quality and breadth of its programmes.

Occasionally the DofE Charity may send you information relating to commercial offers. If you do not wish to receive commercial information from the DofE Charity you can choose not to by amending your contact preferences in your eDofE profile at any time.



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