

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Silver Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award Launch

Dear Participant, Parent and/or Carer,

Following our assembly and letters sent home in June, we are excited to open the enrolment for this years Silver DofE. The summer term saw a fantastic set of expeditions from students on their Bronze DofE and we look forward to seeing those students continue their journey to Silver.

Silver DofE is open to all students in Year 10, it does not matter if you have not completed Bronze as you can enter as a direct entrant. Those joining Silver as a direct entrant will need to complete a longer award than those with their Bronze, but you all achieve the same award!

This prestigious award requires commitment and determination but provides an excellent sense of achievement, forms lifelong friendships and memories, and becomes a powerful addition to your CV. The activities that students will undertake will help them to stand out from the crowd and show their true strengths and character.

We have written this letter to provide you with more information relating to the enrolment as well as the key dates that relate to the expedition section of the award. To provide you with more information about the award, we would like to invite you to an enrolment information evening. The Silver enrolment evening will take place on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 6pm in the Quay Hall**. The evening is crucially important as it will provide information on the various sections that make up the award, as well as information on the expeditions and how we keep students safe on these ventures. There will also be the opportunity for us to answer any questions that you may have.

The main expeditions will take place in the summer term, but it is important that students get enrolled now, to allow participants to complete their volunteering, skill and physical sections of the award. It also allows plenty of time for us to provide the training required for the students.

Key dates for the 2024/2025 Silver DofE Programme are:

Date & Time	Activity	Location
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 (6pm)	Silver DofE Enrolment Evening (Parents/Carers & participants all welcome)	Quay Hall
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Deadline for Silver DofE Enrolment	
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Silver DofE Training Day	Newquay Tretherras
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025 (3 → 4.30pm)	Silver DofE Training/Route Planning	Newquay Tretherras
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 (3 → 4.30pm)	Silver Training/Route Planning	Newquay Tretherras
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> → Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Silver DofE Practice Expedition	Dartmoor
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> → Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Silver DofE Assessment Expedition	Dartmoor

The cost for Silver DofE is £140. The cost is made up of two amounts. £28 is for students to have an eDofE account and £112 which is a contribution towards the expedition costs. These costs will appear as two separate items on ParentPay. To allow us to enrol students onto eDofE, we require the **£28 by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. The remainder we ask to be paid by way of two instalments, **£60 by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January and £52 by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**. We work hard to ensure that we keep the cost of the award as affordable as possible and will provide you with further details at the enrolment evening. If you have any issues with the cost of the award then please get in contact with me, we do not want cost to be a barrier to students taking part in DofE.

If you are wanting to take part, please complete the NTOL Consent Form and the DofE Enrolment form as soon as possible. These are completed online and links for both are below. Once we have received the completed forms, we will then assign the payment item on ParentPay. Please allow a few days for this to take place as it is not an automatic task. If you have already completed the enrolment form, that we sent out in June, please do not complete again, this item should already be shown on ParentPay. If it isn't, please get in contact with me.

Link to DofE Enrolment Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/yZ9hJ1ZJfk>

Link to NTOL Consent Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/YesXHX73rN>

If you have any questions about Silver DofE, please come and have a chat, or speak to those who participated last year. I look forward to receiving your consent and enrolment forms and getting started on some fantastic DofE adventures with you all.

I look forward to seeing interested participants and their parents/carers for the enrolment information evening. Should you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me at school. You can email me on [ntol@tretherras.net](mailto:ntol@tretherras.net) or ring on 01637 872080. Please note that I work out of the office running Outdoor Learning programmes frequently, therefore, if I can't get back to you straight away, I will endeavour to do so as soon as I can.

Yours faithfully,



Mr J Blum  
Head of Outdoor Learning