



THE GRANGE SCHOOL

Mr V Murray – Headteacher

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

I'm delighted to let you know that we are about to launch the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). I'm the DofE Manager for The Grange School and wanted to write to let you know more about what's involved.

Why do DofE?

Doing their DofE is a brilliant way for your young person to discover just how much they are capable of. It gives young people the chance to make new friends, follow their passions, learn new skills and make a difference in our community. Achieving a DofE Award is a great way to impress employers too. It helps young people to see themselves differently and gain a new level of confidence. We always say that after taking on your DofE, you know that whatever life throws at you, you're ready to deal with it. The DofE is non-competitive and a powerful way for every young person to build belief in themselves, whatever their background, interests and abilities.

How it works

There are three levels of DofE Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. To achieve their Silver Award, your young person will need to complete four sections – Volunteering, Physical, Skills and the Expedition. Students can choose what they would like to do for the first three sections, and we will provide all the guidance and support they need. The Expedition involves spending three days and two nights in the countryside. We provide comprehensive training beforehand to ensure everyone is fully prepared and has the best possible experience.



Next steps

We hope lots of our students will take this opportunity to get involved with DofE. We would like parents/carers to know the **total cost for the Silver Award is £310** which includes the cost for the expedition run by Action4Youth and the cost of registering and licence fee. The expedition cost includes 3-day practice and training as well as the 3-day Qualifying Expedition. Action4Youth also provide the tents, cooking equipment, maps, trackers, emergency phones and compasses. We will be responsible for managing the registration and completion of the sections.

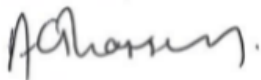
If your child is interested in taking part in the Silver DofE Award, can you complete the expression of interest form linked here <https://forms.office.com/e/eTPxY7y1b0> by **Friday 13 December 2024**. If your child is interested in taking part but the cost is prohibitive, please do indicate this and/or speak to me directly (my email is at the bottom of this letter). If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me. The DofE website dofe.org - has a lot of useful information too.

We will be asking for an initial non-refundable deposit of £65 to register your child following the expression of interest and this will be due sometime in January when we have a clearer idea of cohort size.

If there are less than 10 students interested then we, unfortunately, will not be able to offer The Silver Award at The Grange School. However, there is the option to join Action4Youth's programme individually.

Thank you for your support. I hope you'll agree that the DofE is the perfect way for your young person to feel ready for anything.

Yours faithfully



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