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SILVER TRAINING EXPEDITION – 18:00 Thursday 23rd – Saturday 25th April 2026

SILVER QUALIFYING EXPEDITION – Friday 26th – Sunday 28th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

The DofE Silver Training Expedition will take place from 18:00 on Thursday 23rd – Saturday 25th April 2026.

Participants should return to school at 18:00 on Thursday 23rd April to set up camp for Night 1 on school grounds. On Friday 24th April, participants will be walking planned routes on Dartmoor and will camp overnight on the school grounds for Night 2. **On Saturday 25th April**, participants will continue walking on Dartmoor and can be **collected from school at 15:00**.

The Silver Assessed Qualifying Expedition will take place from **09:00 on Friday 26th June until 16:00 on Sunday 28th June 2026**. The venue and finish location will be confirmed in due course.

Although the DofE does not require participants to have completed their Volunteering, Physical or Skills sections before the expedition, it is expected that all participants are making consistent and genuine progress in these areas. Therefore, any participant who has not engaged meaningfully with their sections, or who has made insufficient progress, will not be invited to attend the assessed expedition in June. This ensures students are completing a balanced DofE programme, as intended.

At South Dartmoor we believe The Duke of Edinburgh Award is so valuable to the all-round development of our students that we would like to encourage maximum participation. We have a stock of expedition kit should you need anything to enable the participant to take part. We will provide tents, camping stoves, cooking pans and survival bags. Please contact me on the email below if you wish to discuss this further.

The total cost for the training and qualifying expedition will be £50 to cover group equipment, transport and accommodation fees. This is available to pay in Parent Pay, but please do let me know if there are any issues with this. If you have a free Pupil Premium place then this cost is covered as part of your funding. **Payment should be made by 8th March 2026.**

Please encourage your child to ensure their eDofE evidence and assessor reports are up to date, so the award can be signed off promptly following successful completion of the assessed expedition.

If your child needs to borrow any school kit (rucksacks, boots, sleeping bags, wet weather gear, etc.), please let us know as early as possible.



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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at:
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Kind regards,

Mr. D. Stokes & Mr. J. Gilson

Duke of Edinburgh Managers



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