



# Bottisham Village College

Achievement through Inspiring, Caring, Enriching

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September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

## Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award (2023-24) Launch

Summary of action(s) required	Deadline
Submit online enrolment form accessed here - <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/Lewp1sMrqV">https://forms.office.com/e/Lewp1sMrqV</a>	<b>15/09/2023</b>
AND	
Pay initial non-refundable enrolment fee of <b>£25.50</b> on WisePay	<b>15/09/2023</b>
AND	
For information only, the total cost of the award will be approximately <b>£220</b> (subject to number of participants)	<b>13/09/2023</b>
Apply for financial assistance (if applicable)	

We are pleased to offer students in Year 10 the full opportunity of completing the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain recognition for their ongoing commitment to a range of activities. Following on from last year's expedition, we will once again be taking our assessed expedition to Shropshire!

The DofE Silver Award scheme is open to all students - those who would like to continue on from the Bronze award, or those who did not complete Bronze and would like to start the DofE Silver Award as a direct entrant.

To reflect the increase in challenge of the award from Bronze to Silver, those participants continuing on from Bronze will be required to complete:

- Volunteering section: 6 months
- Physical and Skills sections: One section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months
- Expedition section: 3 days/2 nights in Shropshire.

For direct entrants (those that did not achieve their Bronze DofE), you must undertake the requirements above with a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.

For more information about the award, please see the DofE website here:  
<https://www.dofe.org/do/what/>

As part of the Silver DofE Award, students are required to attend after school training sessions and a practice expedition before the assessed expedition.





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- **Account set up and route planning: - Tuesday 19 September 2023 (3:15 - 5pm)**
- **Second Route Planning session: Thursday 21 September 2023 (3.15-5pm)**
- **Expedition training sessions: Minimum of 2 x 2hr sessions after school before each expedition.**  
(Dates to be confirmed via Teams)
- **Practice Expedition: Bury St Edmunds: Friday 14 October (Evening only) - Sunday 16 October 2023**
- **Assessed Expedition: Friday 26 April – Sunday 28 April 2023 (to be confirmed)**

The cost of participating in the silver award will be approximately **£220** depending on number of participants. This is subject to change, and can be paid in the following instalments:

- Initial non-refundable enrolment fee of **£25.50** payable by **Friday 15 September 2023**
- Second payment of £50.00 payable by **Friday 6 October 2023**
- Third Payment of £50.00 payable by **Friday 3 November 2023**
- Fourth payment of £50.00 payable by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- Final balance (*estimated to be £45.50*) due on **Friday 5 January 2024**
- Please note, to be accepted onto the assessed expedition weekend, **full payment and online submission of eDofE Program Plans** must be completed. This deadline will be communicated nearer the time.

The deposit and the enrolment form should be paid and returned as soon as possible, with a deadline of **Friday 15 September 2023** to ensure your child's place on the Silver DofE Award programme.

Online enrolment form link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Lewp1sMrqV>

If you have concerns about the timescale for payments and are in receipt of free school meals and/or pupil premium entitlements, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Z Hedges Oren at [trips@bottishamvc.org](mailto:trips@bottishamvc.org) in writing in the first instance, and by Wednesday 13 September 2023 to explore what support might be available.

Yours sincerely,

From your Silver DofE leaders, Miss Tydeman, Mr Harvey, and Miss Wadsworth  
Signed on behalf of the team

**Miss R Wadsworth**  
**DofE Manager**