

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award



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What is the DofE?

- A life-changing experience.
- A fun time with like minded peers.
- An opportunity to discover new interests and talents.
- A tool to develop essential skills for life and work.
- A recognised mark of achievement; respected by employers.

The DofE is many things to many people, supporting generations to successfully navigate adult life.



Timescales

It will take you at least 6 months for Silver if you've already achieved your Bronze

Commitment is Independent of school - Use Choose

- [Volunteering section](#): 6 months
- [Physical](#) and [Skills](#) sections: One section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months

Facilitated by School - To take place Sept 26.

- [Expedition](#) section: 3 days/2 nights



Expectations and Info

- Independent with a guided element to the award (Expedition Section)
- The DofE endeavours to keep costs down so the current Welcome Pack, which includes the participation fee, is £28.00, plus additional School Cost transport and staffing cost. Approx cost for the expedition will be £150*, depending on uptake.
- We would like to offset by fundraising for each DofE centre ie XPE fundraise for XP and visa versa and school contributions.
- Everyone receives a DofE Card to get discounts on things like kit and expeditions don't need to be expensive - You will have this from your Bronze Award.
- Skills, Physical & Volunteering - You will what activities you want to do and decide your goals and timescales. Effectively you have till the Expedition to complete this which is achievable.
- You must identify an Assessor who can testify your participation for volunteering, skills and physical sections. - see below slide for more information.
- Expedition Section: Expedition Supervisor will be a staff member at school. Your Assessor must be accredited and can not be your Expedition Supervisor.
- Silver Dofe is dependent on uptake the more the merrier.

** As always if you have any concerns regarding the cost of the expedition please contact myself, we can make arrangements for a payment plat through our admin team.*



What Does an Assessor Need to Do?

At a minimum, an Assessor needs to:

All Assessors must be knowledgeable and experienced in a participant's chosen activity so they can offer appropriate guidance. Assessors must also understand the requirements of the Award section they are verifying but they do not need to complete specific Award training.

- Help participants set SMART goals
- Be available to check-in and provide ongoing support to the participant.
- Submit a short report on the progress a participant has made once the required number of weeks are complete
- They can not be related to the participant.



What Does an Assessor Need to Do?

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Assessors can access the portal [here](#). They will need the following information

- eDofE Participant Number (found on your personal edofe account)
- Level - ie Silver
- The section they are assessing, Skills/Volunteering/Physical (this could be more than one)

Once they have completed this section the report will ask for the following

- Start Date and End Date (in line with the timescales for Silver DofE that you have stipulated on your account)
- What progress did they make towards their goal?(this is something that you will have stipulated on your account)
- What did they achieve, what skills did they learn?
- How frequently did they take part in the activity?
- Any other comments (optional)
- Assessors Name, Job Title/Position, email address.
- Hit submit - Job done! 🙌 We'll take care of the rest!



Expedition Section

The aim of the Expedition section:

To inspire young people to develop initiative and a spirit of adventure and discovery by planning, training for and completing an adventurous self-sufficient journey as part of a team. Participants choose where and how they want to do their expedition.

- Duration: 3 days/2 nights - 7 hours of planned activity each day.
- All participants must complete the required training and a practice expedition (minimum 2 days, 2 nights) - They will be assessed for competency before expedition.
- Expedition Supervisor Role: To monitor and support participants in achieving their award goals. Mr Morrison & Mrs Watson
- We will hold drop in/extra curricular for students to check in throughout the year.
- Dates TBC
- Mr Elliott will be your assessor



Whats next? - Expression of Interest

This form is designed to gather key information about how your child intends to complete the Volunteering, Physical, and Skills sections of their Silver Award. As these elements are completed independently of school, it's important that we have an accurate record of the activities being completed, where they will take place, and who will supervise or sign them off.

Completing the form it will helps us:

- Confirm your child's chosen activities meet DofE criteria
- Support students in getting started confidently
- Track progress and ensure they are on the path to completion
- Offer assistance if students or families are unsure or need help organising their activities

Please complete this form together (student and parent/carer) no later than **29th September 2025**. - **EXTENDED DEADLINE - Wednesday 17th December 2025**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Emma Watson (ewatson@xpschool.org) & Chris Morrison (cmorrison@xpschool.org).



Frequently asked questions

1. What can i do for each section?
 - a. Answer This is very broad there are links attached to support you with this within the presentation.
2. When can I start a section?
 - a. Answer you can start from September, we can backdate the start date however you have around 3-6 months to complete the section no rush
3. Who will be our supervisors for expedition?
 - a. Answer Mrs Watson & Mr Morrison are heading up Silver this year, so you have a the delight of spending 3 days with us and Mr Ellitot who will be your assessor.

