



01 May 2026

Dear Families

## Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Next Steps

Thank you for supporting your child's decision to sign up for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award. This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful opportunity for them to develop new skills, resilience, and confidence.

We are excited to help them embark on this journey. Please find below the essential information regarding the programme structure and upcoming dates.

### Programme Timescales

The time commitment for the Silver Award is as follows:

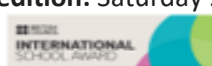
Section	Duration (Bronze Holders)	Duration (Direct Entrants)
Volunteering	Six months	Six months
Physical	Six months	Six months
Skills	Six months	Six months
Expedition	Three days, Two nights	Three days, Two nights

*Note: Direct Entrants must undertake an additional Six months in either the volunteering, physical, or skills section (a total of 12 months for that chosen section).*

### Important Expedition Dates

Please mark the following dates in your diaries for the expedition components:

- **Training Expedition:** Saturday 27 June – Sunday 28 June 2026





- **Qualifying Expedition:** Friday 02 October – Sunday 04 October 2026

## Next Steps for Students

We will be holding an introductory meeting with all silver participants to walk them through the DoFE process, the eDofE online system, and expectations for the Silver programme.

- **Meeting Date:** Tuesday 05 May 2026 - 3.00pm – 4.00pm

In the meantime, please ensure your child checks their school emails for further updates.

## Finance and Support

Payments for the Silver Award must be made via MCAS. If you have any questions regarding finance, please contact the finance team or reach out to us directly.

Additionally, we will be running lunch club drop-in sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays to support students with their sections and assist with any technical issues they may be experiencing on the eDofE portal.

As outlined in our Culture for Learning policy, on rare occasions we may have to remove a student from a trip who is unable to meet our high expectations or whose behaviour puts themselves or others at risk.

Thank you once again for your continued support of the DoFE programme at Sackville. Should you have any immediate questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Andy Parry on [aparry@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:aparry@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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