

6 November 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER AWARD - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We are pleased to offer pupils who have successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award the opportunity to progress onto the Silver Award. Due to limited places, we are initially asking for expressions of interest to determine numbers.

The Silver Award runs across Years 10 and 11 at Priory, with activities and commitments carefully planned to minimise disruption to GCSE studies.

Year 10 Activities

- Practice Day Walk – Rivington: Includes a bacon or sausage sandwich and a hot drink.
- Team Building Day: Climbing or activity-based experience.
- Practice Expedition: A 3-day, 2-night event including two days of walking and one training day.
- Support for Bronze Walk Days: Pupils will assist as part of their Silver commitment.

As Priory DofE Silver participants, pupils are expected to support the wider DofE programme by:

- Organising two fundraising events during Year 10 to support the DofE fund.
- Assisting at two Bronze DofE information evenings.
- Attending two Bronze after-school sessions as helpers prior to their own expedition.

Year 11 Commitments

- Attendance at ten Silver training after-school sessions (dates to be confirmed).
- Supporting the school as DofE Ambassadors during Open Evening and the Bronze Celebration Evening.
- Participation in the Silver Qualifying Expedition, which will take place after GCSE exams and Prom. (pupils will have officially left school and will return for this final expedition)
- Attendance at the Silver Celebration Evening.

What does the DofE Silver Award require?

The three sections are the same as the Bronze Award (Volunteering, Physical and Skill). However, there is a requirement that their Volunteering section is for 6 months and, for their Physical and Skill sections - one must be for 6 months and the other for 3 months. In addition, pupils can only continue with one of these latter sections from their Bronze Award.

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Cost and Registration:

We aim to keep costs as low as possible. Due to rising prices, the total cost of the Silver Award is **£350**, which includes:

- eDofE Silver account
- All expedition costs
- A reward hoodie

If your child would be interested in the Silver Award, please return the attached reply slip to me by Friday, 28 November. Once I have approximate numbers, I will be able to set an expedition date and provide more details. No commitment is required at this stage.

If you have any further questions in the meantime, please get in touch with me via email at m.cauchi@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Yours faithfully



Mrs Cauchi
Humanities Teacher
DofE Leader

REPLY SLIP: DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER AWARD - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(Return to Mrs Cauchi by 28 November)

My son/daughter is interested in the Silver Award (no commitment required at this stage)

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My son/daughter does not want to undertake the Silver Award.

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Name of child

Parent/Carer Name (please print)

Signed.....

Date.....