

# Year 11 Silver Award

## September 2023



### General information

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We have delayed enrolment for Year 11 on their Silver Award due to a large number of students not completing their Bronze Award and not checking the status of their Award on eDofE. Please encourage students to check that they are completing activities properly and that these are being approved on eDofE as they go through this year at Silver level.

It is always a rush to get everyone out on a practice expedition early this term and before it gets too cold and wet - apologies for the short notice. It looks like the weather will be decent this weekend!

We then leave students to complete their other three sections of their Silver Award over the course of Year 11 at their own pace. We do not do the Qualifying Expedition until after Year 11 have finished their exams and left for the summer. Please consider this if booking a holiday. Our original plan was to do this from 29<sup>th</sup> June-1<sup>st</sup> July but may move this earlier if it affects participants taking part in the school show. We hope to confirm DofE dates next week on the school calendar.

### Expeditions: Essential information/reminders

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- Students should pack their own bag so that they know where all of their kit is.
- Nothing should be outside of their rucksack except for a roll mat wrapped in a tough black bag to keep it dry. Everything inside should be wrapped in several separate black bags to keep everything dry, especially clothes and their sleeping bag. Two nights and three days means dry clothes are important for each day.
- Students were given an expedition manual on the Bronze training day that has all the information they need (how to pack a bag, suitable food and emergency rations to bring, our emergency mobile numbers on the front, first aid kit requirements etc.).  
<https://arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/students/duke-of-edinburgh/expeditions-equipment/>
- Mobile phones are strictly forbidden on expeditions with the exception of one 'emergency mobile' per expedition group which remains turned off throughout the weekend unless there is an emergency.
- Please ensure you are on time as the whole group cannot leave by coach until everyone is here!

All students must have:

- Suitable clothing (Students will need to wear clothes suitable for walking). Jeans are not permitted. A waterproof coat and waterproof trousers are also required.
- **For Silver you must have a pair of proper walking boots!**
- Toiletries
- A Compass
- Large rucksack
- Sleeping bag and sleeping mat.

Each expedition group will also need:

- Tents of suitable size that the group can sleep in along with their rucksacks (double-skinned)
- Cooking stoves for the group (Trangia or resealable gas burning stoves - please check before purchasing these to check if they are suitable, or you can hire one from us instead)

Further information about equipment can also be found on our website:

<https://arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/students/duke-of-edinburgh/expeditions-equipment/>.

We are able to loan certain equipment if necessary and students will need to see Miss Wilson in C3.8 with their request and payment tomorrow. Details of kit hire can be found here:

<https://arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/students/duke-of-edinburgh/kit-hire/>

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## Silver Practice Expedition    Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

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Students will be required to arrive at school no later than 8am on entering the green gate (Parents are not permitted to come in with them) and gathering in the atrium with their group for kit checks.

We will travel to the expedition area by coach, camp for TWO nights and return to school at approximately 5:00pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Emergency contact details and medical or dietary needs should have been completed on the Silver enrolment form but if anything had changed please email to inform us.

During the weekend the two DofE mobile numbers are switched if you need to contact us in case of emergency

**07506 705597 or 07928 159529**

The campsite we will be staying at on both nights is Hardhurst Farm, Hope Valley S33 6RB (If unable to contact us on our mobile phones 01433 620001)

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## Silver Assessed Expedition & Training

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We will be planning routes during some after school sessions later in the year. The confirmed date for the summer expedition will be with you next week.

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## Collecting your Bronze Award

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Look out for a notice soon about collecting your Bronze Award!

**Mr Withey & Miss Wilson**

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