



09 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER AWARD – ADMISSIONS

We are delighted to announce the opportunity for your child to take the next step in their personal development journey by signing up for the **Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award**. Whether they are progressing from Bronze or starting their DofE journey at Silver through direct entry, they are now ready for the challenges and rewarding experiences that this prestigious award offers. The Silver DofE provides a fantastic opportunity for young people to further develop their skills, contribute to their community, build resilience, gain independence, and challenge themselves in new and exciting ways.

At Silver level, participants will have the opportunity to build on or broaden their experiences in the Volunteering, Physical, and Skills sections, as well as take part in further expeditions that promise both challenge and reward.

We have now opened registration for our **Silver DofE Award Programme**, with participants able to start their activities from **Thursday 01 October 2026**.

To secure your child's place, please complete this sign-up form:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/8WrnUWMMGi> by **Thursday 01 October 2026**. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about what the Silver DofE Award involves, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The enrolment fee for the programme is **£150**, which is to be paid in three instalments via our Parent Pay system. The first instalment of **£50.00** is payable by **Thursday 01 October 2026** and covers the enrolment fee for the eDofE place, as well as a contribution towards the expeditions and the running costs of the award. The second instalment of **£50.00** is payable by **Friday 30 April 2027**, with the final instalment of **£50.00** due by **Friday 25 June 2027**.

DIARY DATES

A Silver DofE Introduction Meeting for your child will take place on **Thursday 08 October 2026 at 1:00 pm in A26**. Your child is welcome to bring lunch with them to eat during the meeting.

A training day has been scheduled for **Saturday 27 February 2027, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm**. Attendance at this session is mandatory if your child wishes to take part in the expeditions, as it is required for health and safety reasons.

Practice Expedition: Thursday 15 to Saturday 17 April 2027, Bodmin Moor.

Assessed Expedition: Thursday 01 to Saturday 03 July 2027, Dartmoor National Park.

****Please do not enrol your child onto the award without first checking the dates mentioned in this letter to ensure they are available to take part.***

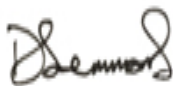
TRANSPORT

We understand that this may cause some inconvenience; however, due to the school's minibus commitments and limited availability, we are unfortunately only able to provide transport for your child's assessment to Dartmoor National Park. As a result, parents/carers will need to make arrangements to drop their child off at the designated start location and collect them from the finish location on the final day of the practice expedition. We appreciate your understanding and support, which helps us continue to provide these valuable expedition opportunities for our students.

I look forward to working with your child as they complete their award.

If you have any queries regarding the Award at Helston Community College, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm Regards,



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