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Dear Parents and Carers

Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award

At Oxted School we see great value in enriching the lives of our students. One way we do this is by offering students the opportunity to enrol in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). We also offer Gold level to older year groups at Oxted School.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which has been in operation for over 70 years, is designed to encourage, enthuse and energise young people by presenting appropriate challenges and widening their horizons. In doing so, the Award helps to develop qualities of maturity, responsibility, and teamwork, which support young people for the rest of their lives. It is also recognised nationally as giving students a distinct advantage when moving on from school.

The Silver DofE Award is a very popular part of enrichment at Oxted School, with strong uptake from students each year.

Oxted School has partnered with an external company, **The School of Outdoors**, to deliver the expedition section of the Silver Award. Oxted School staff will continue to support students and families with advice and guidance, while the expeditions themselves will be fully run and managed by The School of Outdoors.

We would like to invite all parents/carers who are interested in their child taking part in Silver DofE to an online information evening via **Microsoft Teams** on **Tuesday 7 October 2025 at 6pm**.

This presentation will be delivered jointly by The School of Outdoors and Oxted School. It will last approximately 45-60 minutes and will provide full details of the Silver Award, including the expeditions. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

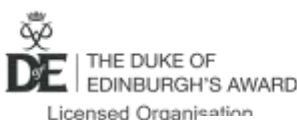
You can join the meeting using the following details:

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Following the information evening, Mrs Taylor will notify students (via the Year 10 Teams page) of the date when we will meet in a computer room to begin the official Silver DofE registration – students must bring the attached registration form, that has been completed and signed forms to their specified session.

Parents/carers must complete and sign this form to confirm the details are correct. By signing, you are giving consent for Oxted School to share the information with The School of Outdoors for the purposes of organising the expeditions.

The overall cost of the Silver DofE programme this year is **£430**, which covers participation, training, and both expeditions. To make payments more manageable, we recommend the following instalment plan, ensuring the full balance is settled before June 2025:

£145 – by the beginning of November 2025

£145 – by the beginning of February 2026

£140 – by the beginning of May 2026

Please note, once commitment is made, we are unable to offer any refunds if your child decides not to continue with DofE.

If you have any questions or queries, or you would like your child to take part but are worried about financing their place, please email our DofE Administrator, Mrs Taylor dofeadmin@oxted.thpt.org.uk, who will be able to help you further.

We look forward to seeing many of our Year 10 students take up the challenge of Silver DofE this year.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs V Tycer
Assistant Principal