



Dear Parent

Enrolment for the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award at Tupton Hall - 2020

Your child has expressed an interest in enrolling for the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award at Tupton Hall. We are aware that having experienced the Bronze award requirements you already have a good knowledge of the D of E here, but before you make a commitment and payment on their behalf, we'd briefly like to explain the relevant differences between Bronze and Silver

Silver still has the same four sections - **Volunteering; Skill, Physical and Expedition**, but the timescales are longer. Volunteering: 6 months, **Skill and Physical**: one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months. Please note that these timescales are for participants who have completed their Bronze award. Any new starters to D of E at Silver level (referred to as direct entrants) must complete an additional 6 months, either in their volunteering or in the longer of the other two activities.

The **Expedition** can be carried out in similar terrain to Bronze, however we've always found it worthwhile to include at least one day where participants walk and navigate in a moorland area, such as the Goyt Valley or Staffordshire Moorlands. For Silver they must walk for three days and spend two nights camping, utilising established sites with at least basic facilities. Participants must be "active" for 7 hours each day. We tend to use Fridays to Sundays for Silver expeditions. Hopefully parents will be able to take participants to the start point and to collect them at the end.

Mr Parfitt who currently runs the programme is only in school for a few hours each week, so mostly utilises e-mail to communicate with participants and parents. This allows us to answer questions as they arise. Students school emails will be used to ensure staff and students are safeguarded at all times. With this in mind, if you have any questions now, please feel free to contact him: IzParfitt@googlemail.com Please be aware that, during expeditions, Mr Parfitt will collect participants' mobile phone numbers and issue his own number, for emergency contact purposes – unless parents specifically object to this procedure.

Costs:

The basic cost will be £60. This includes the following:

- Enrolment in the Award scheme + access to eDofE
- Insurance during expeditions and other official D of E activities
- An opportunity to attend any navigation training day walks that we can organise

The above basic cost does **NOT** include:

- The Practice Expedition, which is usually in the Peak District. The cost varies from around £30 - £35
- The Qualifying Expedition, again in the Peak District. The cost is usually around £35 - £40.
- A "Technical" T-shirt. These are part of the "Bronze package", but new ones can be purchased separately.



Please discuss all the above issues with your child and if you wish to continue then complete the form below and return it with the correct payment, paid for via the parentpay system so your child should not bring money into school. All parents should now have an account.

I hope I have covered all necessary issues and likely questions. Feel free to contact me if you have any other queries. Please complete and return the attached slip.

Yours sincerely

Ian Parfitt
D of E Co-ordinator

Mr Carl Sinclair
D of E Manager

Tupton Hall Silver D of E Enrolment 2020

Please read and discuss all the information in the attached letter before signing and returning this slip.

I/we have read the D of E enrolment letter and **accept the contents**. I/we would like our son/daughter to enrol for the 2020 Silver D of E programme at Tupton Hall School.

Student Name..... Form:

Parent's Name (**PRINT**):

Parent's Signature:

Date:

School e-mail address:
(Please write clearly or **print**)