



THE PRIORY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell



6 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 students,

We are delighted that so many of last year's bronze students have completed their awards. Certificates and badges will be presented at the Awards Presentation on Wednesday 5th October 2022 at 6pm at The Priory. An invitation to this event will be sent out, nearer the time. For those that are yet to finish, the bronze must be finished and submitted by Monday 26th September, in order to meet the presentation deadline.

Completing bronze is a fabulous achievement, particularly as many things have been so challenging. This year group was very creative with their section choices, undertaking some great and often new activities. If students did not take part in the bronze level, they can still join the silver DofE group; it will just take them a little longer to complete the sections.

Silver opportunity

We are delighted to offer students the opportunity to sign up to do their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) with The Priory School.

As many of you will know, the DofE is a chance to gain new skills and interests, get fit, have fun and broaden your horizons. When they complete their programme, they will achieve a highly respected award that can help open doors in the future. Silver will offer great personal development and will support college/University applications going forward.

The total cost is anticipated to be £180. The initial payment of £80 is required when you fill in the online application form and the remaining payment of £100 a month before the practice expedition (June 2023). You will find it all under 'Trips & Events', 'DofE Bronze/Silver 2022'. Payment plans can be arranged by contacting Mrs Chart in the finance office where you may choose to pay an amount regularly throughout the year. The fee will cover both expeditions, practice in the Peak District in June 2022 and the assessed expedition in the autumn term of 2023. As before, we are able to loan a lot of kit (Priory is very fortunate in this respect) which will help keep costs down.

To enrol, complete the online application for silver by using this [link](#) and make your first payment.



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Plans for the Silver Expeditions for Year 10

We have spent time planning this part of their Award carefully, to fit it in well with their GCSE's. The plan is as follows.

1 st September 2022	Begin sections on Silver once the form is completed and the payment for the place has been made.
Saturday 4th March 2023	Training day – based in School 9.30-3.00
14th - 17th June 2023	Practice expedition in the White Peak, starting point is at Glenbrook, near Hope https://girlguidingactivitycentres.org.uk/centre/glenbrook/
Autumn term 2023	Assessed expedition date and location to be confirmed.

Useful additional information

Why Deborah Meaden values the DofE on your CV <https://youtu.be/dHBJCGPvc2w>

George's story https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_U36bBpUm4

Parents view of the Silver Award <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZE1dDlyFK4c>

Celebrating the 2022 Gold Award <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqAy9OY-f5c&t=9s>

If you have any questions, please ask your student to speak to a member of the School DofE team or email myself.

Kind regards,



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