



November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I am really pleased that your student has shown an interest in the **Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme** and would like to offer them a place.

The total cost for taking part in the award in 2025-26 is **£467**. This includes the enrolment fee paid directly to the Duke of Edinburgh charity and expedition costs covering camping fees, transport to and from the expedition areas, use of tents, maps, stoves, fuel, staffing & assessors.

Other costs to consider are food and personal kit which are not included in that total.

### Important dates:

Attendance is required at all of the following:

Activity	Date	Location
<u>Kit briefing</u> Students will be briefed on expectation, kit and nutrition	TBC	SFT
<u>Practice Expedition</u> Two days walking and two nights overnight camp	Monday 13 to Wednesday 15 July 2026	New Forest
<u>Assessed route planning day</u>	Saturday 18 July 2026	In school
<u>Assessed expedition</u> Three days walking with two nights overnight camp	Saturday 03 October to Monday 05 October 2026 (we will travel up on Friday 02)	Black mountains

To secure your student's place on the award scheme a payment of £50 (non-refundable) must be made **by Friday 28 November 2025**.

Payment should be made via 'ParentPay', our online cashless payment system. If you have any queries regarding Parent Pay or if your student is entitled to Pupil Premium funding, please contact the Finance Team via their email address: [finance@backwellschool.net](mailto:finance@backwellschool.net)

The remaining payments towards the balance of **£417** are set out as follows:

Payment 1 - £42 - Wednesday 31 December 2025  
Payment 2 - £42 - Friday 30 January 2026  
Payment 3 - £42 - Friday 27 February 2026  
Payment 4 - £42 - Friday 27 March 2026  
Payment 5 - £42 - Thursday 30 April 2025  
Payment 6 - £42 - Friday 29 May 2026  
Payment 7 - £42 - Monday 29 June 2026  
Payment 8 - £42 - Friday 31 July 2026  
Payment 9 - £42 - Friday 28 August 2026  
Payment 10 - £39 - Wednesday 30 September 2026

If your student decides to withdraw from the scheme less than 4 weeks before one of the expeditions, you will still be liable for the expedition costs. This is due to the cancellation policy of the company that we are using.

Please complete the electronic enrolment form which can be found here:

[Silver Duke of Edinburgh Enrolment Form 2025-6 – Fill in form](#)

Once both the deposit and enrolment form have been received your student will be enrolled in D of E. However, if they have done Bronze previously and not yet completed it, they will not be enrolled until this has been done. This is because the new level will be added to their existing account. I am doing a chase of those that this applies to separately. Support will be given to participants who are new to e D of E (the system used to log activities).

It is possible to back date sections that have already been started on the D of E once they are enrolled. They should keep a record of what they do and must make sure that they identify an assessor before they start. This cannot be a relative, and must be someone over the age of 18.

If your student has not yet chosen the activities that they will do for their volunteering, physical and skill sections, there are lots of ideas of the D of E website [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org).

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at [lgriffiths1@backwellschool.net](mailto:lgriffiths1@backwellschool.net)

Kind regards

Mrs Griffiths  
D of E Manager