

11 September 2026

Dear families,

I am pleased to be able to offer the opportunity for your young person to complete the Silver level of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme this year. If your young person has already completed their Bronze, they will know all about how fulfilling the award is and will be looking forward to the next level of challenge. Students may also jump straight up to Silver level if they haven't done Bronze before; they will have different time frames to complete things in, but it does allow them to complete their expedition with their peers if they are keen to take part. If you would like further information about the scheme and what your young person would be doing if they choose to take part, please find details here: [Parents-Info-Booklet-A4.pdf](#)

This is a superb programme that we at THS are committed to delivering to as many students as possible. With inclusion being one of the key principles of the award, please be aware that there is a small resilience fund available from the DofE which may enable me to reduce the costs of registration and expedition if your young person meets the criteria; I would hope that the cost would not put off enthusiastic young people from wanting to get involved. The cost for us to register a student with the DofE is £35, the expedition will cost a further £325. The Silver award expedition includes a compulsory 2 day/2 night practice and a qualifying 3 day/2 night walk and camp. Haven Banks will also be delivering three in-school 2 hour training sessions which students are expected to attend.

The expedition element of the award is planned to take place in September 2027 which ensures that everything is completed in a timely fashion, enabling your young person to focus their efforts on their GCSE courses without distraction in their final year.

Please register your interest by clicking on the link: [DofE Silver Participation Enrolment Form – Fill out form](#) by the 30th September. If I have sufficient numbers to go ahead, I will confirm with families concerned and set up a payment schedule.

Should you have any questions please either email me: lwebber@tiverton.bep.ac or encourage your young person to speak to one of the team – Mr Hart, Mr Dunning, Mr Puzey and myself.

Kind regards

Mrs Webber
DofE Award Manager