



# Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

## Truro School



### **Silver:**

Please ask your parents to read this information before completing the application form attached. There is a lot of information included such as costs and expedition dates that need to be considered fully before they give their consent to you enrolling in Silver. Please also keep this information sheet for future reference.

**There will be a D of E Introduction Presentation on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 in the Burrell Theatre between 1930 – 2030.** During this presentation we will introduce the Award Scheme and answer any questions regarding how D of E is coordinated at Truro School.

The **deadline for enrolments** into the Award Scheme will be the following week on the **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014.**

### **Who Organises the D of E at Truro School?**

Mr Cucknell coordinates the D of E Award: [MJC@truroschoo.com](mailto:MJC@truroschoo.com)

Mr Docherty coordinates the Silver Expedition: [JFD@truroschoo.com](mailto:JFD@truroschoo.com)

A team of staff, ex-staff, parents and U6 formers also help to deliver and ensure a successful running of the program.

### **About the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award:**

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is about opportunity and challenge for young people between the ages of 14 to 25. There are 3 Award levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. The Silver Award is run at Truro School in the 5<sup>th</sup> form. You may start this award providing you are 15 years old. You will have until your 25<sup>th</sup> birthday to complete your Silver although the aim should be to complete it during your 5<sup>th</sup> year at Truro School.

Some of you will have enrolled previously in Bronze. You may enrol in Silver once you have completed this level. However, if you have not participated in the Award, you may enrol as a direct entrant. You will then have to spend more time on the Silver than a Bronze Award holder.

## **How can I Enrol in Silver?**

Truro School is a Directly Licensed DofE Organisation and as such have to meet very strict quality assurance standards. We are one of the most successful Award centres in the South West Region.

**Enrolment Criteria:** You may enrol in the Silver Award at any time but if you wish to commence and complete your expedition training in the 5th Year you must meet the following conditions:

- 1) You must submit an enrolment form by the deadline of **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.**
- 2) You must have completed ALL sections of any previous Bronze Award
- 3) You must research and nominate what Volunteering, Skills and Physical activities you wish to do and list these on the enrolment form.

If you do not meet these conditions by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of September but complete your Bronze at a later date you will then be able to enrol at that time but your expedition training and expeditions will need to be arranged through an external organisation rather than the school.

## **Sections of the Award:**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – first meeting of 2014/15 Welcome packs will be handed out and help signing onto eDof E and choosing activities.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September – 2nd meeting and deadline for forming expedition groups.

In addition there will be occasional lunchtime meetings of the Silver DofE group over the year. These will be well publicised and all participants are expected to attend. The timings of these sessions will be coordinated to de-conflict where possible with other activities.

## **The Expedition Section:**

The provisional expedition programme for 2014/15 is:

(Please note that this is the provisional programme and will be confirmed at the start of each term – it provides the dates for all known expeditions and associated deadlines.)

<b>Group</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time away</b>	<b>Consent form deadline</b>	<b>Kit Collect</b>
Duke of Edinburgh Presentation	Presentation	Burrell Theatre	<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 1930</b>		

D of E Enrolment Deadline			<b>Thursday 18th Sept</b>		
<b>Silver DofE</b>	Meeting	Comp Room 1	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1315 - 1425</b>		
<b>Silver DofE</b>	Meeting	Comp Room 1	<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 1315 - 1425</b>		
<b>Silver DofE</b>	Training Day	School	<b>0845 - 1545 Saturday 11th October</b>		
<b>Silver DofE</b>	Training Exped	Bodmin Moor	<b>1600 Thursday 30th Oct 2014 - 1800 Saturday 1st Nov 2014 Note that this is on the last days of half term</b>	Lunchtime Tuesday 7th October	Silver Lunchtime and Gold after school Thursday 16th Oct
<b>Silver DofE</b>	Fitness, Wild camping skills and advanced Nav	Dartmoor	<b>16.00 Friday 20st – 18.00 Sunday 22rd Mar (Reserve date 27-29th Mar)</b>	Tuesday 10th Mar	Silver Lunchtime and Gold afterschool Tuesday 17th March
<b>Silver DofE</b>	Compulsory Kit Check	DofE Store	<b>1330-1700 Wednesday 24th June</b>		
<b>Silver DofE</b>	Assessed (Qualifying) Expedition	Bodmin Moor	<b>0900 Friday 26th June - 1700 Sunday 29th June</b>	Tuesday 17th June	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June at 13.15 onwards

(Reserve dates will only be used if the weather conditions prevent the scheduled expedition from taking place.)

**What if you can't do these dates?** Then you should be prepared to arrange your own expedition training or assessment expedition through another organisation. If you are not prepared to do this you need to think seriously about signing up for Silver in the first instance.

**Volunteering, Skill and Physical Recreation Sections.** You will be expected to provide a minimum of one hour per week on each of these sections. You select how many months you spend on each – this will depend on your previous DofE history. Details of each section and the time periods are available at the website : [www.DofE.org](http://www.DofE.org) . Mr Cucknell will give advice on the selection of suitable activities – his email is [MJC@truroschool.com](mailto:MJC@truroschool.com) should you need advice at any time. However, in the main it is up to you to arrange each activity and find a suitable assessor who will oversee and report on your completion of the activity. Please ask Mr Cucknell to help should you find difficulty in doing this.

### **eDofE:**

Your progress through your DofE Award is now recorded and managed through your on-line eDofE account. You will be given a username and password on successful enrolment. It is important that you engage immediately with this account and continue to keep it updated. The system takes time to fully understand and still has some “quirks” but the only way to get your Award approved is through this system.

### **Cost.**

There is a **registration fee is £20**. This includes the fee charged by the Award Scheme and will be put on the school bill. A full training weekend expedition, Friday evening until Sunday evening costs approximately £30 and is charged on the school bill. There are 2 of these followed by the final assessed expedition that will take place in June following the GCSE exams.

Other costs will depend on your Volunteering, Physical and Skill activities.

### **Expedition Equipment.**

You will need some equipment, (walking boots, compass, safety whistle, head torch, waterproof jacket and trousers, gaiters, sleeping bag, sleep mat, bivi bag and relevant warm clothing such as thermals and a fleece jacket). All of this can be purchased at a discount through outdoor shops in Truro that generally offer at least a 15% discount to Truro School DofE participants. The school can provide tents, stoves, rucksacks, and maps. These are loaned out on group basis prior to expeditions. The equipment must be signed for and it will then become your group's responsibility. The equipment will be signed back in at the end of each expedition so the onus will be on you to maintain it whilst it is in your care. **The cost of any equipment damaged through negligence or not returned will be split between the members of the group.**

### **Deadlines and Communications:**

Information on all forthcoming expedition activities along with consent forms will be available on the DofE Truro School Intranet and the Outdoor Pursuits page of the Truro School Website. This same information will also be emailed to parents and participants. It is therefore vital the email addresses are kept current. There should be no excuse for missing deadlines!

It is vital that if you participate in the Award Scheme you meet all deadlines set. Completing work and handing it in on time seems to be a problem. There are often deadlines with expedition paperwork placed on us by the Wild Country Panels who authorise our expeditions. If the relevant handouts are not read and/or handed in on time you cannot be expected to be allowed to go forward with the expeditions or assessment. Plenty of time will be provided to enable you to prepare route cards and maps and return completed parental consent forms. Mr Docherty and Mr Cucknell are available and willing to help or give advice if required when you are involved in this paperwork but please do not leave it to the last minute.

Finally, we have to state very clearly that anyone who decides to do this has to be committed and they must be prepared to give DofE school planned activities the highest priority. All sessions have to be attended and deadlines met. Many pupils are involved in the scheme and we cannot suffer from time wasters!

If you feel that this challenge is for you, whether you are a novice or have had some experience, please complete the attached form and return it to me at the earliest opportunity. If you have any questions please contact me at school or via email [MJC@truroschool.com](mailto:MJC@truroschool.com)

**The first meeting for those who successfully enrol by Thursday 18th of September is on Friday 19th September when Silver Welcome packs will be given out and expedition groups arranged.**

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# TRURO SCHOOL DofE AWARD SCHEME SILVER ENROLMENT FORM



Title.....Forenames.....

Surname.....Form.....

Home Address.....

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Post Code..... Tel No.....

Parental Email.....

Participant's Email.....(very important)

Bronze Started(Yes/No).....

Bronze Complete (Yes/No).....

Please indicate what activities you intend to undertake at Silver:

	Nature of Activity	Length of Activity	Venue	Assessor
<b>Volunteering</b>				
<b>Skill</b>				
<b>Physical</b>				

Parent/guardian signature..... Date.....

Participant's signature ..... Date.....

**Once this form has been submitted a Silver eDofE account will be set up in for you. Details of your user name and password along with the web address will be sent to the participant's email address. On receipt of this email, please log on and enter your details and intended programme on the account.**

The first compulsory meeting will be on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September** where Welcome packs will be handed out and help signing onto eDof E and choosing activities.