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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Year 10 Silver Award Expedition Online and In school Training

I hope you have all had a restful festive break! I want to take this opportunity to touch base about the Silver DofE Award and what will be happening over the coming months.

Where should your child be up to at the moment?

Most participants have now signed off on their Bronze Award and are well underway with their Silver sections! For any students who have completed their Bronze in the last 3 months, there will be an Awards ceremony in the summer term to collect your certificate (they can still be completing their Silver during this time!).

For any student who has not yet had their Bronze Award signed off from last year, they must come to a drop in session on Thursday lunchtimes in 557.

I understand there is a bit of a delay in receiving the Welcome Packs (I have uploaded an electronic version onto our school webpage to access in the meantime - <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/learning/clubs-and-co-curricular/dofe/> scroll down to useful links).

NEXT STEPS: Online Training

As the Expedition dates are getting closer it is now time for the Silver Award students to start their pre-expedition training. The majority of the pre-expedition training is completed via the e-learning link; www.richadventure.co.uk/qegs2023

The password to enter this is DofE2023. Most students will have used this site last year for the e-learning. They must click on the 'e-learning Silver sign up' to be able to access the new information.

For those who completed the training during Bronze last year, there is a shorter refresher version to complete, with more guidance on route planning/map reading etc. For those who are new to the Silver Award through QEGS, there will be more e-learning modules to complete and further details on how to do this are available on the SILVER DOFE TEAMS.

This Rich Adventure Landing page has lots of useful information for both students and parents (including another copy of the kit list, dates of expeditions and eventually there will be locations too).

This e-learning must be completed by Wednesday 26th April AND the consent form must also be completed.

COMING UP SOON: In Person Training Afternoon

There will be one afternoon of in person training: **Tuesday 2nd May 2023.**

The meeting place for this will be the canteen at 2.15pm and will be led by myself and Mrs Wright. This session is compulsory and should your child not be able to attend there will be very little opportunity available to undertake this training at other times before the Expeditions.

Students who did not complete their Bronze Award through QEGS last year will be required to bring their walking boots, waterproof coat and waterproof over trousers for checking.

Students will also be bringing equipment home so a lift home for students where possible may be appreciated.

Once the locations have been finalised for the expedition, I will arrange for an evening Parent Q&A session via TEAMS.

If you have any queries or questions regarding the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Wright by email, dofestaff@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk. Alternatively, you can explore the Award on the official Duke of Edinburgh's Award website <http://www.dofe.org> and our own webpage <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/learning/clubs-and-co-curricular/dofe/>.

Yours faithfully

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