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Dear Parent/Carers

### **Ref: Duke of Edinburgh Award**

The aim of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is to provide young people with an enjoyable, challenging and rewarding programme of personal development, which is of the highest quality and widest reach. Young people doing their DofE programme complete four different types of activity, the **first three (Volunteering, Physical and Skill) must be carried out in their spare time** and not during school hours and the **fourth has to be completed at a time determined by the Academy**.

### **The Silver Award – Training and Expeditions**

We will be taking part in two expedition weekends run by East Coast Outdoors. The first is a practice expedition, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June to 21 June 2026 in Dedham Vale. The second is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July at Two Mile Bottom, Thetford. This will be an assessed expedition.

### **Costs**

The DoFE Silver including the expedition will cost £275 with the first payment of £100 being due 1 October 2025 which will be non-refundable. The second payment will be due before the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 at £100 and the final payment of £75 on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. All payment will then be non-refundable once we have made a deposit payment and commitment to East Coast Outdoors.

For both expeditions parental support in transport to and from the site may be required. The school minibus will be used where possible. Details will be available closer to the expeditions.

We will aim to keep costs for the expeditions to a minimum by using the equipment we currently have at the Academy and by hiring from another Academy in our trust. There will be certain items that will be beneficial for students to own themselves: water proofs and walking boots for example.

In order to enroll on the DofE Award Scheme. Simply log onto <https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk> with your Username and Password. From the Home Page, click on Accounts and select your child's name, followed by the Details button to the right of the Fund Name choose with the 'DofE Silver Enrollment 2026'. Payment will be taken as confirmation that you have given permission for your child to take part in the DofE Silver Award including the expedition and then complete the questionnaire.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is about commitment and persistence and therefore if the successful participants do not show that they are in the process of completing their 3 activities or do not turn up to any expedition training sessions then they will not be allowed to attend the expedition section of the award through the Academy and any money paid up to this point would be forfeited.



**Artsmark  
Alliance**  
Platinum Award



Students can also purchase a personalised DofE hoodie from [Everyday Range | DofE](#) This would be great as your son/daughter can also wear this when out and about doing their volunteering but is entirely optional.

If you have any queries or would like to discuss this further, then please feel free to contact Miss Cooke or Mr. King.

Yours sincerely



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