



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

*"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10*



04<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parent or Carers,

## **RE: Silver Expedition Information and Kit List**

We are delighted to give your young person the opportunity of completing this section of the Silver Award.

### **Payment / Terms and Conditions:**

The cost for the Silver Expeditions are £295 Per Young Person for their practice and qualifying expeditions.

**Payment** – Please pay via Ipay Impact or by cash or cheque to the Finance Office

**Booking** – Each participant must be booked on to the Silver Open Expedition, so that we have all of the necessary contact, medical, emergency details for the young people.

There will be no charge for doing this as long as the code **6XHJ4AW8** is added at check out, please do this on

[DofE Open Silver Expeditions Package – April and July 2024 \(sseoutdoors.co.uk\)](https://www.sseoutdoors.co.uk).

### **28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June 2024- Silver Practice**

Please arrive at 10am on 28<sup>th</sup> June at Kilve Court TA5 1EA and then please collect from Kilve Court at 4pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Silver practice will run alongside the bronze qualifier using a different route to previous awards.

### **24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> July Qualifier Weekend**

Please arrive at 2pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> July at Kilve Court TA5 1EA and please collect at 5pm on the 27<sup>th</sup> July from Kilve Court.

Students will be transported to Dartmoor for the qualifying expedition.

### **Food and Drink**

Each student must provide their own breakfast for each full day and provide snacks and packed lunches for each day.

They must also provide their own evening meal for each night, this should be simple boil in the bag/pasta/rice type meals.

Each student must carry 1 ½ litres of water in their own water bottles which can be refilled at the campsite.



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Chair of Governors: Mr C Chapman



## **School Staff / SSE Staff Levels**

Wadham School will provide 2/3 staff throughout the complete practice expedition (day and night).

SSE Outdoors will staff and manage the Qualifier Open Award expedition for the group SSE Outdoors will provide staffing to ensure that training is complete, and the expedition is supervised - to ensure completion of this section by all attendees.

## **Training**

Training will be done between Wadham and SSE Outdoors – ensuring that Yong People arrive to their expedition prepared for success.

Any questions related to this, please contact [DofE@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:DofE@somerset.gov.uk) or [SSEOutdoors@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:SSEOutdoors@somerset.gov.uk)

## **Transport**

Wadham School will provide student transport / or use parents to and from Kilve / start point, for the **practice weekend**.

For the **Qualifier Weekend** – Parents are responsible for getting the participants to and from Kilve. Should there be any medical or behaviour issues, parents will need to collect from the expedition on Exmoor

SSE Outdoors takes no responsibility for participants getting to the start, or from the end point i.e. Kilve. SSE Outdoors will transport the participants to and from Exmoor for the Qualifier expedition

## **Assessors and eDofE**

SSE outdoors will ensure that assessor reports are done – either using SSE Outdoor assessors or volunteer assessors that work with the DofE team – all are approved DofE assessors and done the necessary training. Assessors will upload assessor reports to the portal. DofE Team will do expedition set up on eDofE for the students that attend the Silver expedition – using the dates / plans/ grid refs from SSE Outdoors

## **Additional points**

SSE may decide to use technology as an integral part of the expedition for navigation, safety, recording the event as they see fit. This may include allowing students to utilise helpful aspects of mobile phones but will not take away from the need for good solid navigation.

## **Presentation**

For Silver– presentations can be given at end of the expedition to the assessor - or after the event within two weeks to the DofE Leader at the Centre

Please discuss options with supervisor / assessor. This element can then be added to eDofE.

## **Questions**

We are here to help and support before, during and after the practice and expedition weekends. If you have any questions, please contact us Tel 01278 741270

[DofE@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:DofE@somerset.gov.uk) or [SSEOutdoors@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:SSEOutdoors@somerset.gov.uk)

Or email Mr Jackson on [Mr Jackson](#)

### **Kit -Please bring the following in your Rucksack**

Please see kit list for more information on what to bring / wear / carry for the expeditions. If you have any questions, please ask. Group kit is included in the price, if any individual kit is needed, we will sort this on the expedition weekends.

1 pair of hiking boots (broken in!)	Sleeping bag
2 pairs of hiking socks	Sleeping bag liner (optional)
Jacket – waterproof and windproof	Whistle
Waterproof over trousers	Torch and spare batteries
2 fleece tops or similar	Personal first aid kit
2-3 t shirts –(thermal optional)	Expedition food including emergency ration
2 walking trousers (not jeans)	Water bottle
1 pair shorts – if appropriate	Cutlery
Underwear	Plate / bowl
Nightwear	Mug
Hat – warm or sunhat as appropriate	Box matches in waterproof container
Gloves if appropriate	Wash kit/ personal hygiene items
	Sunscreen
	Towel
	Emergency money (optional)
	Notebook and pencil
	Watch
	T -Towel / Sponge and Washing up Liquid
	Individual hand sanitiser
	Small packet of anti bacterial wipes

### **Group Kit**

Tents	To be provided by DofE Store
Trangia for cooking & Gas – two per group	To be provided by DofE Store
Compass – 2 per group	To be provided by DofE Store
Map – 2 per group	To be provided by DofE Store

### [Expedition Aim and Requirements - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](http://dofe.org)

The conditions that you will need to meet in order to successfully 'pass' your expedition are as per the link. SSE Outdoor staff will ensure that you understand these during training, so that you understand what the assessor will be assessing on the qualifier weekend.



**By signing this booking form, I agree the above information is accurate and to adhere to the SSE Outdoors DofE Terms and Conditions.**

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

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Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colin Jackson', with a small dot at the end.

Mr Colin Jackson