



DofE Silver By Canoe Update and Finance Reminder

Dear Parent/Carer

Following on from a successful eDofE login session your child should now have the Silver award added to their account. This is a brief reminder about the financial instalment plan for the year as well as Training and Expedition dates and locations as I appreciate July was a while ago.

Finance

- 1st instalment of £29 due Friday, 28 July 2023.
- 2nd instalment of £130 due Friday, 13 October 2023.
- 3rd instalment of £130 due Friday, 17 November 2023.
- 4th instalment of £135 due Saturday, 5 January 2024.

This means at this stage we should have received a total of £159. If you have already paid this amount or greater please disregard this section of the email. If you need to discuss this instalment plan, please do not hesitate to contact finance@strs.org.uk.

Expedition Training Location and Dates

Training Day: Route Planning and Campcraft on the School site Thursday, 7 December 2023.

Parents Information Evening: School Hall, Thursday, 7 December 2023 at 6pm.

Paddle Qualification Day and Practice Expedition: River Severn Group 1- (1st set of teams 1-3)- 20th April 2024- 23rd April 2024. Parental Drop off and pick up point TBC.

River Severn Group 2- (2nd set of teams 4-6)- 26 April 2024- 29 April 2024. Parental Drop off and pick up point TBC.

Sets of teams will be decided once groups have been emailed to Mrs Rigby-Smith.

Assessed Expedition: River Wye Group 1- (1st set of teams 1-3)- 25 May 2024-27 May 2024. Parental Drop off and pick up point TBC.

River Wye Group 2- (2nd set of teams 4-6)- 26 May 2024- 28 May 2024. Parental Drop off and pick up point TBC.

Team Size

Ocean Rock have requested teams of **5 or 6**, please can your child email to cer@strs.org.uk a team list over by **Monday 6 November 2023**. They must state they are a BY CANOE group.

Completion of Bronze, Certificates, Badges and eDofE Queries

If your child did the Bronze Award last year they will be in four possible situations-

1) Award has been signed off by Mrs Rigby-Smith and Mr Dempsey and is showing as complete or not visible on the app anymore due to this. Excellent! Silver award will be showing and the correct timescale of 6,6,3.

Next Steps- These students have been given their certificate this afternoon, if your child did not receive it but their award is marked as completed on the eDofE app it will be in their form draw for them to collect next term.

2) Award has been queried by either Mrs Rigby-Smith in terms of a section or multiple sections or the whole award has been queried by Mr Dempsey.

Next Steps-If this is the case and your child is still unsure why this has been queried (they should have a note from myself or Mr Dempsey on eDofE explaining why this has been queried) please ask them to come and see me in G3, F1 or the Staffroom to discuss it after half term.

3) They have not completed all their sections. This causes a couple of difficulties. As long as they have completed at least one section I can add the Silver Level however, they will find their timescales are extended. Rest assured this will change once they complete their Bronze but the computer system assumes they have not done Bronze if this the case.

Next Steps- Your child must complete/have all their assessors reports submitted as soon as possible otherwise this will block their Silver award. Every section that isn't signed off will block the student from starting that section at a Silver level.

4) A Year Young- Your child's level has not increased to Silver due to them being a year ahead academically. I have submit these students details to the DofE office so they are being enrolled by them and this should be rectified shortly.

Next Steps- As soon as they are enrolled they will receive an email, this should now have been done.

Reminder of how to get assessor reports submitted

Please can your child supply their assessor with the following information-

ID Number- This is on their eDofE account

Section- Physical, Volunteering or Skill

Level- Bronze

Where the assessor should submit the report- [Assessor's Report - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](http://dofe.org)

Please ensure that the dates on the assessor report match their eDofE account and do cover the full time i.e. three months, 13 hours, one hour a week or six months, 26 hours, one hour a week.

Silver Section Submission

Please can your child submit all their section activities for approval before the end of half term (expect the expedition section, I will fill this in near the time).

My gold students will chase any students that have not submitted their section for approval with assessor details after half term. Please note, **Assessors cannot be under 18 or relatives (including step relatives) due to conflict of interest.**

Any queries please do email me.

Best wishes

Mrs Rigby-Smith

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