



# SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

Oakleaze, Gloucester

## Duke of Edinburgh Silver Foot Follow up Parents Information Evening and Hire Form link

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[Important Information- DofE Parents Information Evening PPT](#)

[Digital copies of the Welcome Packs - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](#)

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year. Following a very enjoyable training day last term we had an informative parents' evening from the expedition provider Ocean Rock. For those who could not attend please find the link to the recording attached.

<https://youtu.be/2aBreKuCWaY>

Please find a copy of the PPT used on the evening attached. Be aware that the presentation was directed at Bronze, Silver and Gold level. As such the dates and locations are across all expeditions are listed however I have copied them below for your child's relevant expedition level and type.

Summarised important information is below :

**Tuesday 5th March Equipment Hire Deadline** - online via their website - [Equipment Hire 2023 \(paperform.co\)](#). If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium and wishes to hire rucksacks etc. from Ocean Rock, please email me so that the school can organise hiring this on your behalf. It is imperative that if you wish to hire personal equipment from Ocean Rock, such as Rucksack, Sleeping bag, Sleep mat, Waterproof rucksack liner, Waterproof jacket or Waterproof Trousers, you order these online before the deadline. Any equipment your child has hired will be given to them at the start point.

**Group Equipment that is supplied by Ocean Rock on the day of the Practice Expedition-** Tent, Trangia Stoves, Maps (2 per group), Emergency Contact details.

**STRS Equipment available to loan-** We do loan Rucksacks, Compasses and First Aid kits but we only have a limited amount. Please ask your child to email with their group a list of items they would like to loan. This equipment they will receive the week before their expedition. When collecting the equipment they must submit a cheque to 'STRS' as a deposit. We will inform them of the amount before going ahead with this. This cheque will not be cashed. It will be held until after they have completed their expedition and returned once all the loaned equipment has been returned in good order.

### Dates to remember:

Transportation is by parental drop-off and pick-up.

### Silver by Foot Practice Expedition-

Saturday 20 April 2024

#### Drop-off point

Goodrich Castle, Castle Ln, Ross-on-Wye HR9 6HY

**\*\*Pay and Display Car Park\*\***

#### What3Words :

defensive.woes.upsetting

#### Meet time(s): All Teams

8.45 am

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Monday 22 April 2024

#### Pick-up point

Halfway Pub Carpark, Tal-y-coed, Abergavenny NP7 8TL

#### What3Words :

wades.scout.gems

Meet time(s): All Teams

1.00pm

### **Silver by Foot- Qualifying Expedition-**

Saturday 4 May - 6 May 2024

Location: Cotswolds

Drop-off point: TBC

What3Words : TBC

Meet time(s):TBC

#### **Note:**

Address information is accurate with Google Maps. Due to the rural location of venues, postcodes alone will rarely be accurate.

Please consider this when using SatNavs and check locations with Google Maps before.

#### **Teams**

Teams lists will be put on Satchel One to accommodate any adjustments made following the training day. If students have any queries about this please ask them to come and speak to me in G3 or F1.

#### **Finance**

At this stage all finance towards the expedition should have been paid. I will be sending out an additional email regarding this to anyone with payments outstanding following this email.

#### **eDofE Sections**

At this point your child should have completed at least one section of their award and all sections should be in progress (If you child has not entered information on the eDofE app and submitted it for approve it will not be in progress- please get them to check). In order to get a section marked off as completed their assessor must submit an assessors report. Their assessor will need the following information:

- ID number (this is on the eDofE account)
- Level of Award (Bronze, Silver or Gold)
- Section they are assessing (Volunteering, Physical or Skill)
- Timescale (3 months or 6 months at Bronze and Silver, 12 or potential 18 months at Gold)

They will need to submit their report via this link: [Assessor's Report - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](#)

**Please remember parents/caregivers/relatives and under 18s cannot be assessors.**

Hopefully, this will answer any questions you have but, as always, if you have any queries please email me (cer@strs.org.uk).

Best wishes

Mrs Rigby-Smith

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