

27th October 2025

Dear students & parents

We are delighted to offer students the opportunity to complete their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award through Ashby School. Further information about the award can be found further below.

If you are currently in Year 10 and working towards completing your Bronze Award, you are eligible to move straight on to Silver once your Bronze is finished. Students in Year 10 who have not previously completed their Bronze Award are still eligible to join Silver directly through the Direct Silver route.

Online Information Event Wednesday 12th November

We will be holding an online information event via Microsoft teams for students and parents **on Wednesday 12th November**. This event will be in two parts:

- **Part 1: 5.30pm for Direct Silver** - an introduction to the award for those students who haven't done their Bronze award
- **Part 2: 6.00pm for all Silver Participants** - a run through of the dates, award structure and costs involved with the opportunity to ask questions

Can you please complete the following questionnaire by **Friday 7th November** to give us an idea of the number of attendees at this event (connection details will be sent out to people who have signed up nearer the time):

<https://forms.office.com/e/i913BBYHPP>

Attendance at these sessions is not essential in order to complete the award and resources from the session will be made available via our fortnightly LiFE at Ashby newsletter (Friday 14th November) for those unable to attend.

Sign-up information for the award itself will also be in the LiFE at Ashby on Friday 14th November and sign-ups must be complete with deposits paid on Wisepay by **Friday 28th November 2025**.

Silver Award Details

The Silver Award comprises several sections, as outlined below. These sections are completed outside of school and therefore require students to make an independent commitment to each area.

Section	Silver Award from Bronze	Direct Silver
Volunteering	6 months	Same as from Bronze plus a further 6 months in the Volunteering section or the longer of the Physical or Skills section
Physical	One for 6 months	
Skills	One for 3 months	

In addition to these sections, students must complete the following expeditions:

- Silver Training Residential in the Peak District: Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th June 2026
- Silver Practice Expedition in the Peak District: Friday 19th June (PM) – Sunday 21st June 2026
- Silver Qualifying Expedition in the Peak District: Friday 11th September (all day) - Sunday 13th September 2026

These expeditions are delivered in partnership with Premier Expeditions, a licensed Approved Activity Provider, and supported by Ashby School staff. More information about Premier Expeditions can be found at www.premierexpeditions.co.uk.

Running the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an optional enrichment programme and not funded by the school. Ashby School serves as the students' DofE authorising body, supporting them in registering, managing and evidencing their progress.

While final costs depend on participant numbers, the provisional cost for the Silver Award is around £330. This does not include transport to and from the expedition locations, and we ask for parental support with this where possible. Financial assistance is available for Pupil Premium students.

Kind regards,

Mrs Attle
DofE Manager