



D of E Gold Award and Ten Tors- Parents and Students Information Evening, 1 October 2024

Dear Parents

Ten Tors and Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award – Information Evening, Tuesday 1 October 2024

We would like to warmly invite you to attend an information evening in the Sixth Form Common Room (Inside the Sixth Form Centre) on Tuesday 1 October 2024 at 7pm introducing the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award at STRS following with an introduction to the Ten Tors. Gate Four will remain open for you to access the carpark.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award is held in high regard at STRS with over 200 students completing their Bronze, Silver and Gold expeditions over the past few months.

If your child has been involved in the DofE Award before, we would highly suggest they attend. Year 12 will be having an assembly prior to the information evening so they will be told all the relevant information then. However, if they wish to speak directly with the providers and past students about specific expedition selection then attending the evening event would be beneficial.

The programme for the information session covers:

- The structure of the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award
- Student Insight
- Expedition Mode Choice (Ocean Rock- Mixed and Off Grid- Foot. Both will be in attendance to talk through their individual offers)
- Expedition Dates
- Costings
- Next steps

Following the evening, the PowerPoint presentation will be made available along with an online Enrolment Form with deadlines given. This information will be used to create your child's eDofE account or to add Gold to their existing account.

SCOPAY will be updated with the total cost of your child's involvement in the scheme. You will be notified of the initial enrolment costs and deadlines to ensure that your child can be promptly enrolled on the eDofE system. A further schedule of payments will be explained in the follow up letter.

Ten Tors

Organised by the British Army, the Ten Tors Challenge is attempted by 2,400 teenagers in 400 teams of six. The teams navigate routes of 35, 45 or 55 miles (depending on age) over the Northern half of Dartmoor, visiting ten nominated tors / check points in under two days. Teams must be self-sufficient, carrying all that they need to complete their route and stay out overnight safely.

The information evening will discuss the difficulty of the challenge and how it differs from the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award as well as dates for training and when final team selection shall happen. As with the Duke of Edinburgh Award a follow up letter will be made available along with SCOPAY being set up.

Should you have any follow up questions please contact me at cer@strs.org.uk.

Best wishes

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