



SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

Oakleaze, Gloucester

D of E Silver and Gold Training Day, Medical Consent Form and Information Evening

Dear Parents

The Silver and Gold (Mixed Mode) Training Day is on **Thursday 12 December** and is on-site with an external provider.

Teams

The provider will organise the students into teams at the start of the day to ensure they are in appropriate numbers. Minor adjustments can be made following the training day but these will be considered on a case by case basis due to the high numbers of students involved.

Training Day

Students will be off timetable for Period 1 - 4 for their training day. They will be expected to attend morning registration in their form rooms. Their tutor will direct them to where their first session will be. The day will be split into sessions on navigation, first aid, food, rucksacks and campcraft. Although elements of this will be completed in a classroom setting, some of the sessions will be outside; so, can I request your child attend school in non-uniform, waterproofs and wearing suitable shoes. The training day will conclude at the end of the Period 4 at 1.30pm for Silver Foot, Canoe and Gold Mixed Mode and they will return to lessons for Period 5.

If your child is doing their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award by Mountain Bike, please can you ensure that they have their bikes with them on Thursday as unlike the rest of Silver and Gold they will be having a session during Period 5 to discuss this mode usage in further depth. This does mean that the previous session after school on Wednesday 11th December for Mountain Bike is no longer needed and is cancelled.

Parents Information Evening

Prior to the training day, we will be hosting a parents' information evening on **Wednesday 11 December at 7pm in the Hall** for the external provider to introduce you to the expedition section of the award; we will also supply you with further details about the expeditions such as information about locations and kit hire. Please, try your best to attend this information evening as it will be the only time you will meet the external provider prior to the practice expedition and many potential queries can be addressed at this time. Be aware there is no need for your child to attend as they will be told this information on their training day.

Finance

Unfortunately, if you have not paid the first instalment by the Training Day your child will not be able to attend. I am sure you can appreciate that given the number of students that complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award across all levels why we must have this stance.

Ocean Rock Medical Consent Form

Please can you ensure you complete the Medical Consent Form which has been requested by Ocean Rock by **Monday 9 December 2024** as Ocean Rock will review these prior to the Training Day. They will be asked for their DofE ID number, this is visible on their eDofE app once they have logged in.

[3 - Gateway Form Medical Info and Consent](#)

Additional Adjustments

Following on from the receipt of these consent forms myself and the external provider may contact you if we need further information or wish to discuss appropriate adjustments to support your child with the expedition section of the award.

eDofE Sections

Your child is enrolled on the eDofE system. As such they must ensure that as much of their eDofE section are filled in as possible prior to the training day.

Please can you check with your child that they have filled in information for their Skills, Physical and Volunteering and have pressed submit so that I can approve this. The website link is as follows - [Sign In to eDofE](#)

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