



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

Wednesday 21st October 2020

Changes to Silver DofE Expedition arrangements for Year 10

Dear Parents/Year 10 Students,

Following a review of the recent Bronze DofE Expeditions run under the auspices of JC Adventures, the **school has decided to organise, plan and run future expeditions using its own expedition staff**. We believe that this will increase the quality and therefore the experience of students taking part in forthcoming Year 10 Silver Expeditions planned for May and June 2021.

As a result of this change, I am pleased to inform you that we will now be able to reduce the expedition fee from £199 down to £149. This fee will cover exactly the same items mentioned in the original Silver DofE letter distributed a couple of weeks ago i.e qualified and experienced instructors and assessor's, campsite fees, tents, stoves, maps etc covering both the three day/ two-night Training and Practice Expedition and the three day/ two-night Qualifying Expedition.

Please note that in addition to above reduction, the school is also able to offer financial assistance to students who may qualify for such support. Please contact me to discuss this further if you feel that this would apply to your financial circumstances.

As a result of the above change, I am extending the deadline for students to join the Silver DofE group from Friday 16th October to Friday 6th November. This will also give students presently doing Bronze more time to complete their activity sections, add evidence to their edofe account or get Assessor's Report's uploaded to edofe.

Please note that students who have not taken part in the Bronze Award this year are still eligible to join the Silver group – they simply need to complete more time on one of their activity sections in lieu of not having done Bronze.

I hope that you will take up this new and exciting offer to join the new Year 10 Silver DofE group and join with the forty plus students who have already made this commitment over the past couple of weeks. Please complete and return the attached Silver DofE enrolment form and pay the Silver DofE registration fee of £22 on ParentPay by Friday 6th November.

If you have any questions about the Silver DofE or the change to expedition arrangements outlined above, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at gpayne@phsg.org

Kind regards,

Mr G Payne – DofE Manager/PHSG