



PRINCE HENRY'S
HIGH SCHOOL

Participant Enrolment Letter - Silver 2025/26

Dear Pupil / Parent / Carer

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. As a Directly Licenced Centre, Prince Henry's is one of only a handful of schools nationally who are able to provide the Duke of Edinburgh's award independently.

The award offers pupils a varied and exciting challenge. It is not a competitive award, but it does involve making a regular commitment. As I am sure you are aware, the award is highly regarded by employers and higher education providers.

The award is split into 3 levels, Bronze Silver and Gold. At Silver level, the award is divided into four sections, and the completion of the Silver award is dependent on finishing all of these sections:

Skills

Volunteering

Physical

Expedition

Whilst our team at Prince Henry's work hard to support students through the expedition section, pupils are required to complete the majority of their award independently, and in their own time. **Please note, pupils must have started all sections, and have completed 1 section in full, prior to embarking on their practice expedition in April.**

It will be necessary for participants to provide their own equipment whilst on expedition, including tents, cookers, 60-65 litre rucksacks, walking boots, food etc. We can support students with advice on where to purchase their equipment, or all necessary equipment may be loaned from school for a minimal charge.

The cost of participation on the Silver scheme for the 2025/26 Academic Year is £220. This covers a registration fee (which includes a welcome pack), with the remainder of the money contributing towards expedition fees such as minibus & coach hire, campsite expenses, and staff training. We are aware that this is not an insignificant amount of money, but we run the award as a complete not-for-profit scheme at Prince Henry's. ***Please note, once enrolled onto the award, a refund will not be possible due to costs that are immediately incurred at the point of enrolment.***

Numbers enrolling onto the Award will be limited depending on staff to pupil ratios. In the event of over-subscription, pupils will be randomly selected. Those who have fully completed all sections of their Bronze award will be given priority. **The deadline for the return of the form and payment is Friday 3rd October 2025.** Pupils are asked to hand in the attached form to the Maths Office (Ground floor of Abbey Block).

If your child would like to attend then please make payment via Parentpay. If you have not activated your Parentpay account or if you need any assistance then please contact the school finance team by email to parentpay@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk. Payment can be made either in full, **£220 by Friday 3rd October 2025**, or by the following instalments: the first payment of **£100 by Friday 3rd October 2025**, the second payment of **£60 by Friday 19th December 2025** and the final payment of **£60 by Friday 13th February 2026**.

The expedition dates for this year's Silver Award are as follows: (Students need to attend both of these to complete their expedition section)

Shropshire (Practice expedition) – Wednesday 22nd April – Friday 24th April 2026

Black Mountains (Qualifying expedition) – Wednesday 20th May – Friday 22nd May 2026

If you have any questions about the award, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr T Pilling
Prince Henry's Duke of Edinburgh's
Award Manager

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Mr N Collings
Prince Henry's Duke of Edinburgh's
Silver Expedition Coordinator