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Dear Year 11 Students

Enrolment for Silver DofE is now open. If you wish to take part please complete the attached enrolment form and return it with the registration fee of £33.50 to the school Finance Office in a sealed named envelope marked 'Silver DofE' by Wednesday 21st September 2016. Cheques should be made payable to St Peter's Catholic School. Please note – late applications will incur additional postage and packing costs.

The Silver DofE programme has the same four sections as Bronze: volunteering, physical, skills and expedition and suggestions for the sections are attached. You need to do at least six months volunteering and a minimum of six months on either physical or skills and three months on the other. It is up to you as to which one you do for the longer period of time.

- Volunteering Six months
- Physical/Skills One section for six months and three months for the other section
- Expedition Plan, train for and undertake two three day, two night expeditions

If you have completed your Bronze you can choose the same activities for Silver, but you need to show development in them. The expedition section involves planning, training for and completing two three day, two night expeditions; during the final expedition there is the possibility of wild camping on Exmoor.

Direct entrants (those who have not completed Bronze) must undertake a further six months in either the volunteering or the longer of the physical or skills sections. You will also be required to attend additional expedition training sessions.

It will take you at least six months for Silver if you have already achieved your Bronze, or twelve months if you have jumped straight into Silver.

Training and Expedition Dates (Provisional dates, these will be confirmed in the Autumn Term)

Training Day (in school)	Saturday 21 st January 2017 (9am to 3pm)
South Downs (Practice)	Thursday 20 th April 2017 (7.30am) to Saturday 22 nd April 2017 (5pm)
Exmoor (Assessed)	Wednesday 21 st June (1pm) to Saturday 25 th June 2017 (7.30 pm)

The costs for the two 2016 expeditions were £100 and £110 respectively and it is expected that there will only be a slight increase for the 2017 expeditions. Exact costs will be available in the Autumn Term when we have confirmed the number of students enrolled.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Doran
DofE Silver Leader