

On To  
Silver/Gold ?

# Gold Award

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Expedition **3 days 2 nights**

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# Gold Direct Award

Have NOT done Silver

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+ Additional training weekend



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## Which programme to follow?

### Year 11's

- You will move on to Silver

### 6<sup>th</sup> formers

- If you have previously done Silver you will move on to Gold
- If you haven't done Bronze or Silver you will follow the Gold Direct, which involves an additional training weekend and an additional 6 months on either physical/skill/ volunteering



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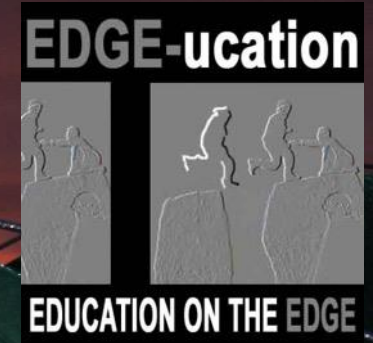
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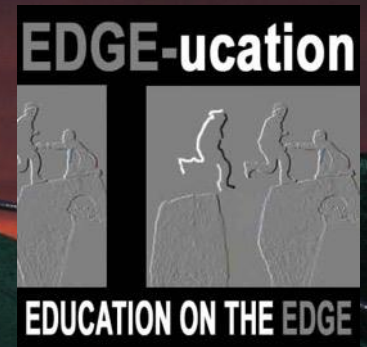
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So, how does the Expedition differ from the previous level ?



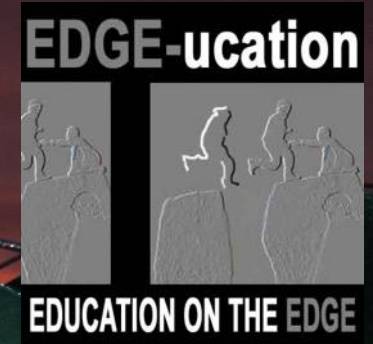




We build on what was taught at the previous level, refine key skills and prepare for a longer duration away.







At EDGE-ucation we believe in using a remote and wild environment, this brings greater responsibility and independence but also, it's a far more enjoyable and rewarding experience.

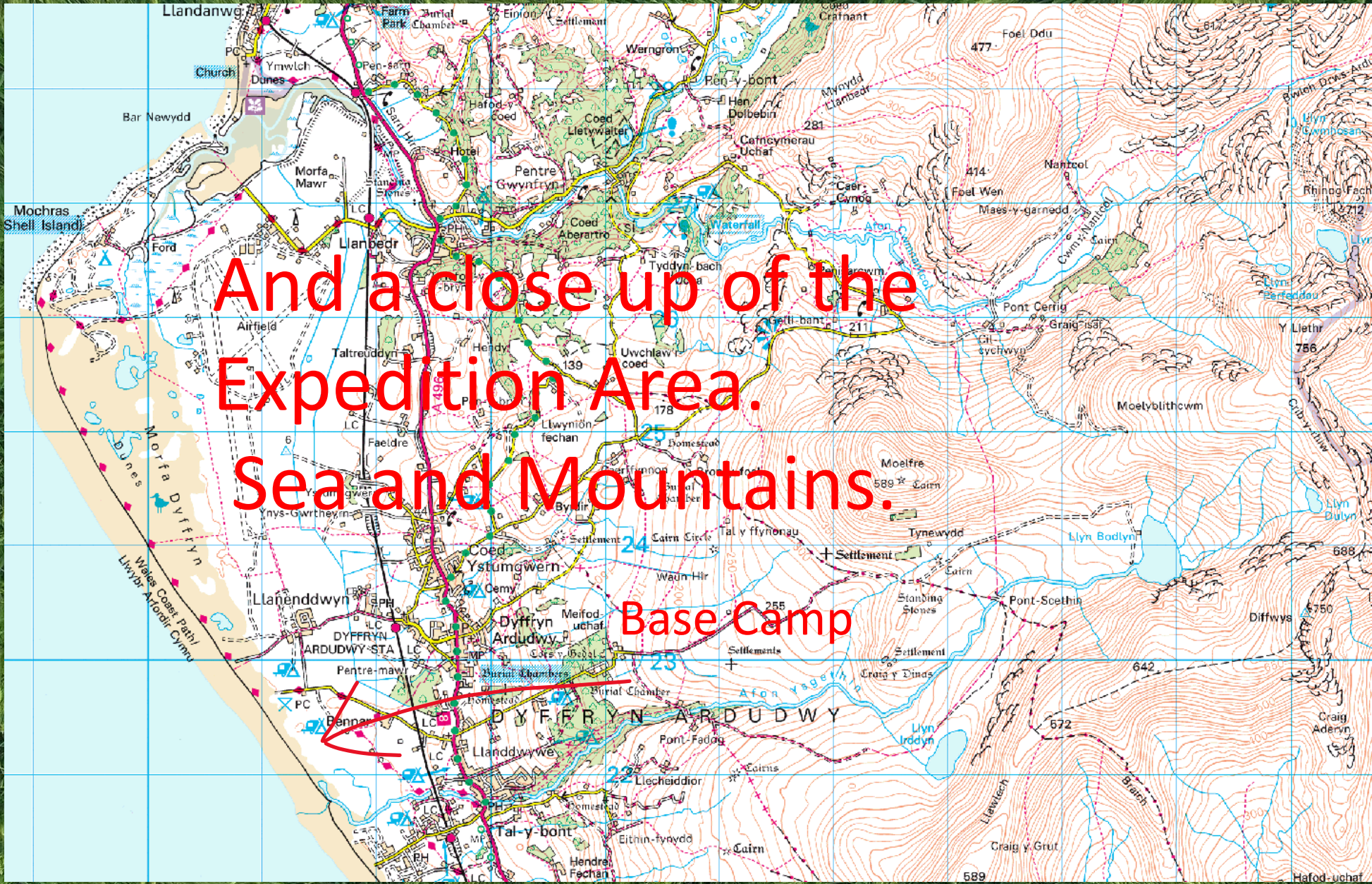






# The Practice Expedition Area.



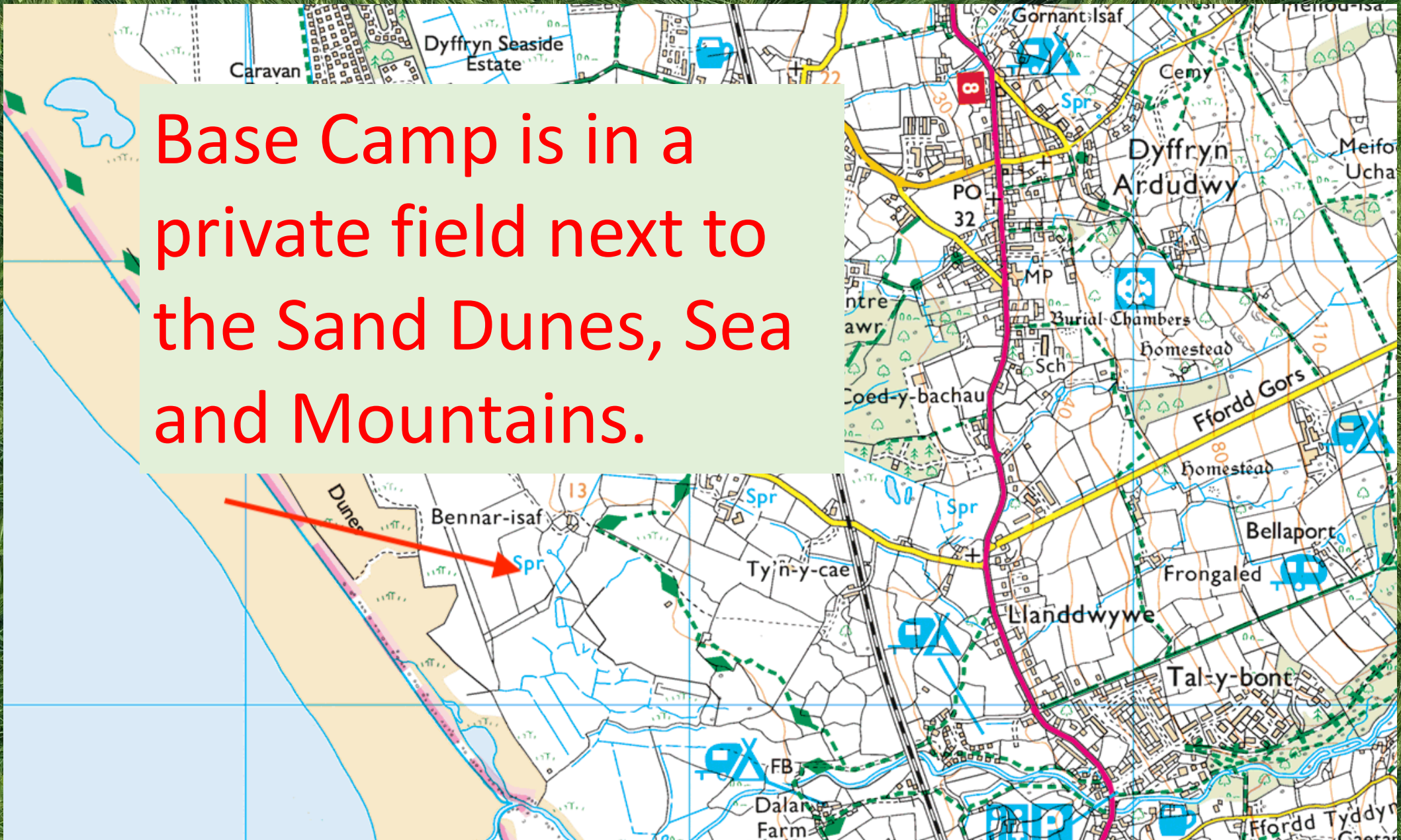


And a close up of the Expedition Area.  
Sea and Mountains.

Base Camp



Base Camp is in a private field next to the Sand Dunes, Sea and Mountains.





An aerial photograph of a vast, dense field of green grasses, likely a prairie or meadow. The grasses are tall and have a feathery, seed-bearing top, creating a textured, undulating surface. The color is a vibrant, natural green, with some variations in tone due to the lighting and the density of the vegetation.

The next slide shows a few  
photos of the Expedition  
Areas, Camp Sites and  
Walks.



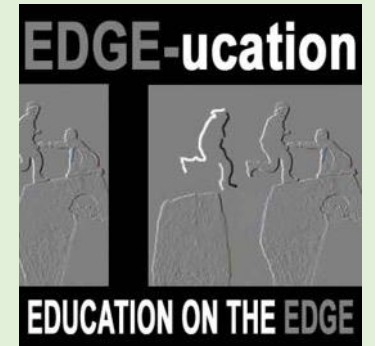






# Getting to the Expedition Area

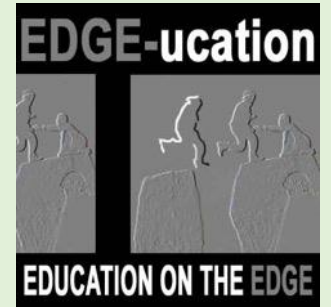




Please be aware, EDGE-ucation are not responsible for travel to the expedition areas.

Using the train is only a suggestion that we have found works well.





Whatever form of transport is used, participants will be met at the station from where the route starts by EDGE-ucation staff at the designated time and met again at the station where the route finishes.





It is very important to be aware that if there should be a problem with the trains, such as, the service is suspended, a breakdown or strike etc. It is the responsibility of parents to sort alternative arrangements.



# Please check you can complete ALL the dates on the programme.

## You will receive a copy to take away

### Silver



**Thomas Telford School**  
2024 –25 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award,  
Expedition Training Programme.

Dates and Times	Activity	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October, 6pm to 7pm. Lecture Theatre.	Parental and student Launch for Silver D of E.	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November.	Introduction. Programme. Update eD of E records. Wild Country Camping. Details for 26 <sup>th</sup> November. Provisional expedition groups.	
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.</b>	<b>Training Day</b> An accompanied day's walk to revise navigation techniques and expedition progression to Silver. You need to bring along kit as per check list for mountain day.	See TTS Web site for details.
Tuesday January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Details for Expeditions. Hypo and FA. Navigation – a revisit of techniques from the last day out.	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Expedition planning and final detail checks.	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Kit issue & last checks.	
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June.</b>	Practice Expedition – Snowdonia, Harlech area.	See TTS Web site for details.
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.</b>	Final Expedition – Snowdonia, Dolgellau area.	See TTS Web site for details.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 8.00am to 8.30am.	Kit return. Clean and dry with name inside.	

### Gold/Gold Direct



**Thomas Telford School**  
2024 –25 Gold and Gold Extra Duke of Edinburgh Award,  
Expedition Training Programme.

Note: 'Gold Extra' programme is for students who have not completed a D of E expedition before.

Dates and Times	Activity	Notes (for students and staff)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October, 6pm to 7pm. Lecture Theatre.	Parental and student Launch for Gold and Gold Direct D of E.	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November.	Introduction. Programme. Update e D of E records. Wild Country Camping. Details for 26 <sup>th</sup> November. Provisional expedition groups.	See TTS Web site for details.
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.</b>	<b>Training Day</b> An accompanied day's walk to revise navigation techniques and expedition progression to Gold. You need to bring along kit as per check list for mountain day.	See TTS Web site for details.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January.	Details for Expeditions. Preparation. Hypo and FA.	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March Gold Extra students also to collect kit.	Expedition preparation. Issue of kit from stores to Gold Extra Students. Details and prep.	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Gold Extra Students Only</b>	Training expedition.	See TTS Web site for details.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May Kit Return 8.0am to 8.30am. <b>Gold Extra Students Only</b>	Return kit from training expedition dry and clean. Leave name with kit.	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Kit issue, final checks.	
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July.</b>	Practice Expedition – Snowdonia, Harlech area.	See TTS Web site for details.
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July.</b>	Final Expedition – Snowdonia, Cadair Idris/Dolgellau area.	See TTS Web site for details.
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# Cost and what to do next?



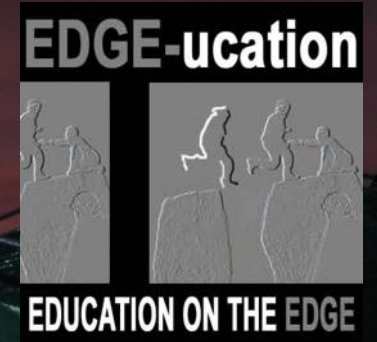
Silver Programme is £215, the Gold Programme is £280 and the cost of the Gold Direct Programme is £340.

An email will be going home tomorrow with instructions of how to make the £100 deposit to secure your place. The final balance of the relevant Award will be due in February.

Please take a paper copy of the Programmes

**IMPORTANT- In the Notes section on ParentPay please stipulate which Award you will be completing-Silver, Gold or Gold Direct**





Any Questions ?

