

# Compulsory Dates for 2025

## All dates MUST be attended

### •Training Day

29<sup>th</sup> March – 9am to 3.45pm (Sat)

### •Practice Expedition

15<sup>th</sup> May, 6am – 17<sup>th</sup> May, 6pm approx. (Thu, Fri, Sat)

### •Qualifier Expedition (M-F / last week of the school year)

14<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm – 18<sup>th</sup> July, 6pm approx.

\*the Silver Qual will finish around 6pm on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> and you may collect your participant from the end camp site should you wish to. If not, Friday morning will be spent in Hay-on-Wye

Open to all Y10 pupils  
You have until your 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday to  
complete your award!





RUGBY  
HIGH SCHOOL

A photograph of four hikers with large backpacks walking away from the camera in a grassy field with yellow wildflowers. The hikers are wearing various outdoor gear, including hats and jackets. The field is lush and green, with a stone wall visible in the background.

**SILVER AWARD**  
Why do it?

It helps to build a lifelong belief in yourself which: supports you in your challenges; allows you to follow your passions; and discover talents you never knew you had.

DofE is about you and your friends sharing experiences together, having fun, and maybe changing your futures along the way. It helps to turn the things you love, or the things you've always wanted to try, into lifelong skills that can help you get a job, change your community, and take on anything life throws your way. And yes, there's going to be a bit of camping involved.

Taking part will give you skills, confidence, and something to talk about when you apply for university, college or a job. You will want to show evidence of "soft skills" that you have developed through extra-curricular activities, such as communication, commitment, leadership and teamwork. Your DofE Award is an excellent way to demonstrate these skills in practice.

You will also become fitter and healthier and have memories to last you a lifetime!

# Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development Survey

- 67% of UK companies surveyed believed entry-level candidates with voluntary experience have more employability skills
- 82% said volunteering develops team working skills
- 80% said communication, time management and prioritisation, problem-solving, adaptability and leadership talent were also identified as key competencies with volunteering experience

# CIPD Survey

- 25% The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- 22% The Prince's Trust
- 18% The Scout Association
- 17% Girlguiding



# UCAS and Universities

Whilst DofE does not provide UCAS points, it will help you along the path to a productive future. As many previous participants have said, at Gold, it's life changing!

Achieving the Gold Award will give you:

- Transferable Skills
- Confidence
- An edge over others when applying for University, College or a job

# Our DofE Team

Mrs Williams: DofE Lead for school and has overall oversight of the scheme. Completes the eDofE administrative requirements, manages the school side of Expeditions and offers support to students, in person and via email. Available on Tuesday's and Thursday's

Expedition School Staff Team: Mrs Williams along with:  
Dr. Carr, Mr Bottle and Mrs Newman – all are volunteers!

H5 Adventure is our Expedition provider

Gold Awards are Approved at DofE HO



There are 4 sections to the Award:

- Volunteering
  - Skills
  - Physical
- Assessed Expedition

## Sections:

- **Volunteering** - 6 months
- **Physical and Skills sections** – One for 6 months and the other for 3 months. You can chose which is best for you

If you didn't do Bronze, you must undertake a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.

## Expeditions:

- Practice – 3 days/2 nights
- Qualifier - 3 days/4 nights

## How Much?

The cost is £490 per student

Includes:

- Enrolment – DofE charge
- Expedition training and assessment costs
- Tent, Map and Compass
- Tranga cooking stove and gas
- Rucksack (if needed) and kit use – I will email Parents to offer use of a rucksack before the Expeditions. \*Please know that there is a £70 replacement charge for any not returned/misused\*

## Signing Up and Paying

Complete an application form - this will be emailed to all of Y12 Parents tomorrow

**FINAL CUT-OFF for return - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Places will be confirmed to students via email and Parents via ParentMail – this will take at least a week

Initial payment £98 via ParentMail account, due immediately - please note that they will not be added to the cohort until this is received

Then 4 x £98 payments – 01/12/24, 01/01/25, 01/02/25, 01/03/25 - all payments MUST be paid before 28/03/25

**No refunds will be made and so please ensure you have insurance to cover any loss due to expedition withdrawal from injury**

# Further Information

- [www.dofe.org/do](http://www.dofe.org/do)
- [Activity ideas - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](http://www.dofe.org/activity-ideas)
- [www.rugbyhighschool.co.uk/tripsandvisits/dofe](http://www.rugbyhighschool.co.uk/tripsandvisits/dofe)
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