

Compulsory Dates for 2026

All dates MUST be attended



Cost: £467 PLUS transport (last year £47) = approx. £514

- **Training Day**

14/03/26 – 9am to 3.45pm (Sat) – No late arrival or leaving early allowed

- **Practice Expedition**

6.30am, **23/04/26** to 6pm approx. **25/04/26** (Thu, Fri, Sat)

- **Qualifier Expedition** (last week of the school year)

2pm **13/07/26** to approx. 6pm, **17/03/26** (Mon – Fri)

* the Silver Qual will finish around 6pm on Thursday, 16th and you may collect your participant from the end camp site should you wish to. Please email in advance to confirm this.



RUGBY
HIGH SCHOOL

A photograph showing four hikers from behind, walking away through a field of tall grass and yellow wildflowers. They are all wearing large, multi-compartment backpacks and carrying rolled-up sleeping mats. The hiker on the far left has a blue mat, the second has a white mat, the third has a dark mat, and the fourth has a purple mat. The background shows a line of trees and a wooden fence.

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!



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! Silver is the next step along the way to this.

Achieving the Silver Award will give you:

- Transferable Skills
- Confidence
- An edge 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

- Open to all Y10 students
(attendance policy will be applied)
- You must complete the two shorter sections by 30/06/26
- ALL sections to be completed by 31/08/26



Sections: 6 / 6 / 3

- **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. So, 12 / 6 / 3 months

Expeditions:

- Practice – 3 days / 2 nights
- Qualifier - 3 days / 3 nights (we wait for the Gold's so this will be four nights in total but you may collect your participant from camp. This must requested in writing in advance)



How Much?

The cost is £467 plus transport (last year £47) per student, so around £514 – TBC once numbers are known

Includes:

- Enrolment – DofE charge
- DofE Licence Fee contribution
- H5 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
- PP students – other kit also available to borrow

Signing Up and Paying

Complete an application form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/JVyLh70BpT>

FINAL CUT-OFF for return - Monday 3rd October 2025

Once final numbers are known, the total cost will be added to ParentMail – **the Initial payment is due immediately** - please note that they will not be added to the cohort until this is received

Then 4 payments – 01/12/25, 01/01/26, 01/02/26, 01/03/26 - all payments MUST be paid before 13/03/26

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
- [Activity ideas - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](http://www.dofe.org/activity-ideas)
- www.rugbyhighschool.co.uk/tripsandvisits/dofe
- Janet Williams, DofE Leader: dofe@rugbyhighschool.co.uk