

Compulsory Dates for 2027

ALL DATES MUST BE ATTENDED IN FULL – NO EXCEPTIONS!

Cost £330

- Kit evening - Tuesday, **13/04/27**, 6-7PM – for Parents & Participants
- Training day - Saturday, **17/04/27**, 9AM - 3.45PM – NO LATE STARTS OR EARLY FINISHES ALLOWED
- Practice Expedition –
9-10AM onwards staggered start Friday, **14/05/27**
to 2-4PM Saturday, **15/05/27**
Parents will deliver to Stretton-upon-Dunsmore
and collect from Draycote Water lower car park, CV23 8AB
- Qualifying Expedition
9-10AM onwards staggered start – Friday, **11/06/27**
to 2-4PM Saturday, **12/06/27**
Parents will deliver to Burbage Common, LE10 3DD
and collect from Gilmorton Sports Pavilion, LE17 5SP



BRONZE 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; or 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!

Our DofE Team

Mrs Williams: DofE Leader 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 Monday thru Thursday.

Expedition School Staff Team: Mrs Williams along with the following volunteers: Dr. Carr, Mr Bottle, Mrs Roberts, Anna and Mrs Grimes

H5 Adventure is our Expedition provider

BRONZE

- Open to all Y9 students (attendance policy will be applied)
- You must complete the two shorter sections by 11/04/27 (the end of the Easter hols)
- ALL sections to be complete by 31/08/27



BRONZE: 3 / 3 / 6 months

Volunteering section

Physical section

Skills section

Two sections for three-months

One section for six-months

You choose which one

Practice Expedition: 2 days/1 night

Qualifier Expedition: 2 days/1 night

Suggestions

Volunteering

- Animal welfare (working at a rescue centre)
- Life saving (doing a course and being on duty over a 3 month period)
- Charity (helping in a charity shop)
- Coaching sports (at a youth centre or club)

Skill

- Cake decoration
- Choirs
- Dress making
- Debating and public speaking
- Playing a musical instrument
- Podcasting

Physical

Anything that improves your physical fitness!

For more suggestions

[Activity ideas - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](http://dofe.org)

Expedition:

- Who will look after me?
 - Your group
 - Oversight by the instructors
 - School staff
- What if I get lost?
 - You may be off route but you can call the instructors for help
- Will I have a phone?
 - One emergency phone per group. Off at all times



Expedition:

Kit evening - Tuesday, 13/04/27, 6-7PM in the hall

This is for Parents AND students

- What kit do I need?

A kit list will be provided at the training day

- Waterproof coat, trousers and boots
- Personal items – clothes and first aid kit
- Food – your team will agree their menu
- Sleeping bag and roll mat

- What will be provided?

- Tents, maps, compasses
- Rucksacks – if you need one
- Stoves and gas

- Whose group will I be in?

- You choose – Teams **must be** between 5-7 people (no exceptions)

How Much?

The cost is £330 per student

Includes:

- Enrolment – DofE charge
- DofE Licence Fee contribution
- H5 Expedition training and assessment costs
- Use of Tent, Map and Compass
- Use of Tranga cooking stove and gas
- Use of Rucksack (if needed) – I will email Parents to offer use of a rucksack in March and these will be available for collection on 06/05/27
- PP students – other kit also available to borrow

Signing Up and Paying



Complete an application form and the Bitesize planner overleaf

FINAL CUT-OFF – Sunday 11th October 2026

Places will be confirmed via email and ParentMail

- Initial payment £90 via ParentMail account, **due as soon as it arrives on ParentMail** - please note that they will not be added to the cohort until this is paid
- Then 4 x £60 payments –
01/12/26, 01/01/27, 01/02/27, 01/03/27

No refunds will be made

Further Information

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