

Compulsory Dates for 2027

All dates MUST be attended

Cost: £470 PLUS transport (last year £100) = approx. £570

Training Day

17/04/27 – 9am to 3.45pm (Sat) – No late arrival or leaving early allowed

Practice Expedition

6.30am, **22/04/27** to 6pm approx. **24/04/27** (Thu, Fri, Sat)

Qualifier Expedition

2pm **28/06/27** to approx. 6pm, **02/07/27** (Mon – Fri)



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!

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. In school Monday thru Thursday.

Expedition School Staff Team: Mrs Williams along with:
Dr. Carr, Mr Bottle and Mrs Roberts – 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 06/06/27

ALL sections to be completed by
31/08/27



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 / 2 nights plus one orientation night

the Silver Qual will finish around 5-6pm on Thursday, 1st July and you may collect your participant from the end camp site should you wish to. Please email in advance to confirm this.

How Much?

The cost is £470 plus transport (last year £100) per student, so around £570 – 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

Complete an application form and the Bitesize planner overleaf

FINAL CUT-OFF for return - Sunday 11th October 2026

Initial payment of £106 due as soon as it arrives on ParentMail
please note they will not be added to the cohort until paid

Then 4 payments of £91 –

01/12/26, 01/01/27, 01/02/27, 01/03/27

Once numbers are confirmed, the final transport cost will be added onto ParentMail as a separate item – approx. £100

All payments MUST be paid before 12/04/27 (end of Easter hols)

No refunds will be made, 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/ideas)
- www.rugbyhighschool.co.uk/tripsandvisits/dofe
- Janet Williams, DofE Leader: dofe@rugbyhighschool.co.uk