

Compulsory Dates for 2027

All dates MUST be attended



Cost: £540 PLUS transport (last year £100) = approx. £640

- **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)



GOLD 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! Achieving the Gold Award will give you:

- Transferable Skills
- Confidence
- Tenacity and Perseverance!
- An edge when applying for University, College or a job

Once climbed, the mountain that was in front of you will be so far behind you, it will barely be visible. But the person you became getting over it will stay with you forever – and that is the point of the mountain!

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 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 Y12 students
(attendance policy will be applied)
- You must complete the shorter
section by 01/05/27
- ALL sections to be completed before
the end of Y13



Sections: 12 / 12 / 6

- **Volunteering** - 12 months
- **Physical and Skills sections** – One for 12 months and the other for 6 months. You can chose which is best for you



If you didn't do Silver, you must undertake a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections. So, 18 / 12 / 6 months

Expeditions:

- Practice – 3 days / 2 nights
- Qualifier - 4 days / 3 nights plus one orientation night

Residential: A shared activity in a residential setting away from home for 5 days / 4 nights

Please be aware that this is an additional cost and is arranged by the participant, with support from Mrs Williams. Residential providers must be approved in advance

How Much?

The cost is £540 plus transport (last year £100) per student, so around £640 – TBC once numbers are confirmed

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 and the Bitesize planner overleaf

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

**Initial payment of £116 due as soon as it arrives on ParentMail -
please note they will not be added to the cohort until paid**

Then 4 payments of £106 –
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