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Welcome to our

Duke of Edinburgh Award 2027 Parent Information Evening

(including Expedition Information)

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The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

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- Volunteering
- Physical
- Skills
- Expedition

Activity Sections & Timescales

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Activities for each DofE section take a minimum of one hour a week over a set period of time, so they can be fitted in around academic study, hobbies and social lives.

Development and regular progress must be shown in **each** section.

Bronze Award

- **Volunteering** – 3 Months
- **Physical** – 3 Months
- **Skills** – 3 Months
- **An additional 3 months must be spent on one of the Volunteering, Physical or Skills sections.**
- **2 x Expedition** – 2 Days/1 Night (Training & Qualifying)

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Silver Award

- **Volunteering** – 6 Months
- **Physical** – 3 Months
- **Skills** – 3 Months
- **An additional 3 months must be spent on one of the Physical or Skills sections.**
- **2 x Expedition** – 3 Days/2 Nights (Training & Qualifying)

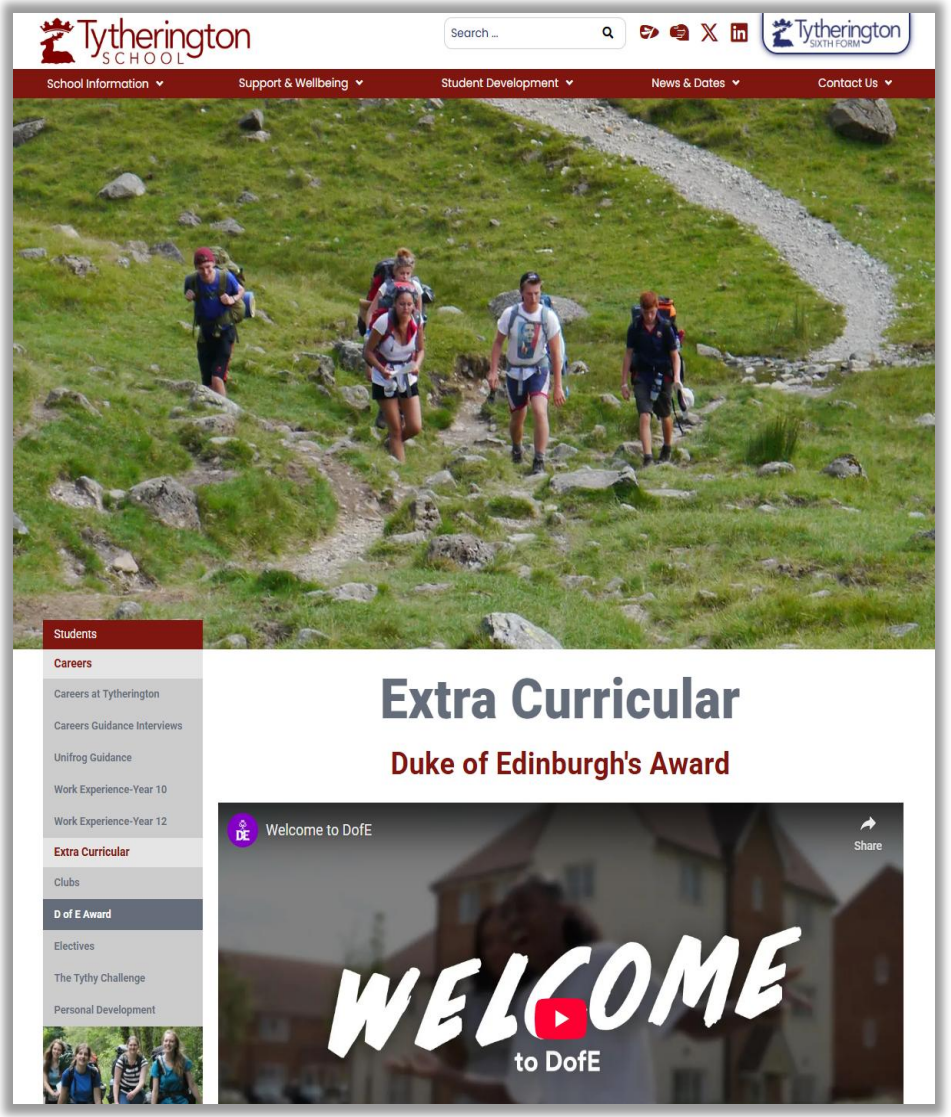
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Source of DofE Information & Resources

- Our DofE website provides you with all of the information that you need:
  - Important documentation
  - Useful websites and resources
  - Volunteering opportunities
  - Expedition information
- It can be accessed through our “Student Development” and “D of E Award” menus, or directly through:

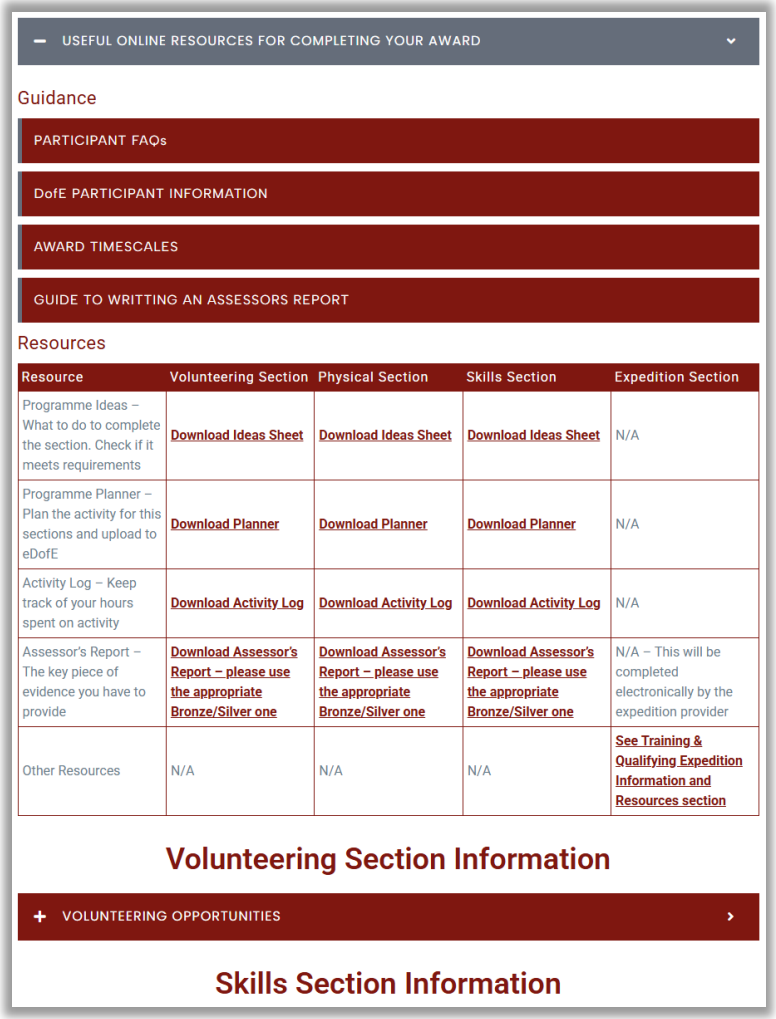
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Source of DofE Information & Resources

- The “Useful online resources for completing your award” element contains guides and printable resources for completing each of the sections.
- **The Assessor’s Report is the most important piece of evidence required.**
- It can be accessed through our “Student Development” and “D of E Award” menus, or directly through:

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USEFUL ONLINE RESOURCES FOR COMPLETING YOUR AWARD

Guidance

PARTICIPANT FAQs

DofE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

AWARD TIMESCALES

GUIDE TO WRITTING AN ASSESSORS REPORT

Resources

Resource	Volunteering Section	Physical Section	Skills Section	Expedition Section
Programme Ideas – What to do to complete the section. Check if it meets requirements	Download Ideas Sheet	Download Ideas Sheet	Download Ideas Sheet	N/A
Programme Planner – Plan the activity for this sections and upload to eDofE	Download Planner	Download Planner	Download Planner	N/A
Activity Log – Keep track of your hours spent on activity	Download Activity Log	Download Activity Log	Download Activity Log	N/A
Assessor’s Report – The key piece of evidence you have to provide	Download Assessor’s Report – please use the appropriate Bronze/Silver one	Download Assessor’s Report – please use the appropriate Bronze/Silver one	Download Assessor’s Report – please use the appropriate Bronze/Silver one	N/A – This will be completed electronically by the expedition provider
Other Resources	N/A	N/A	N/A	See Training & Qualifying Expedition Information and Resources section

Volunteering Section Information

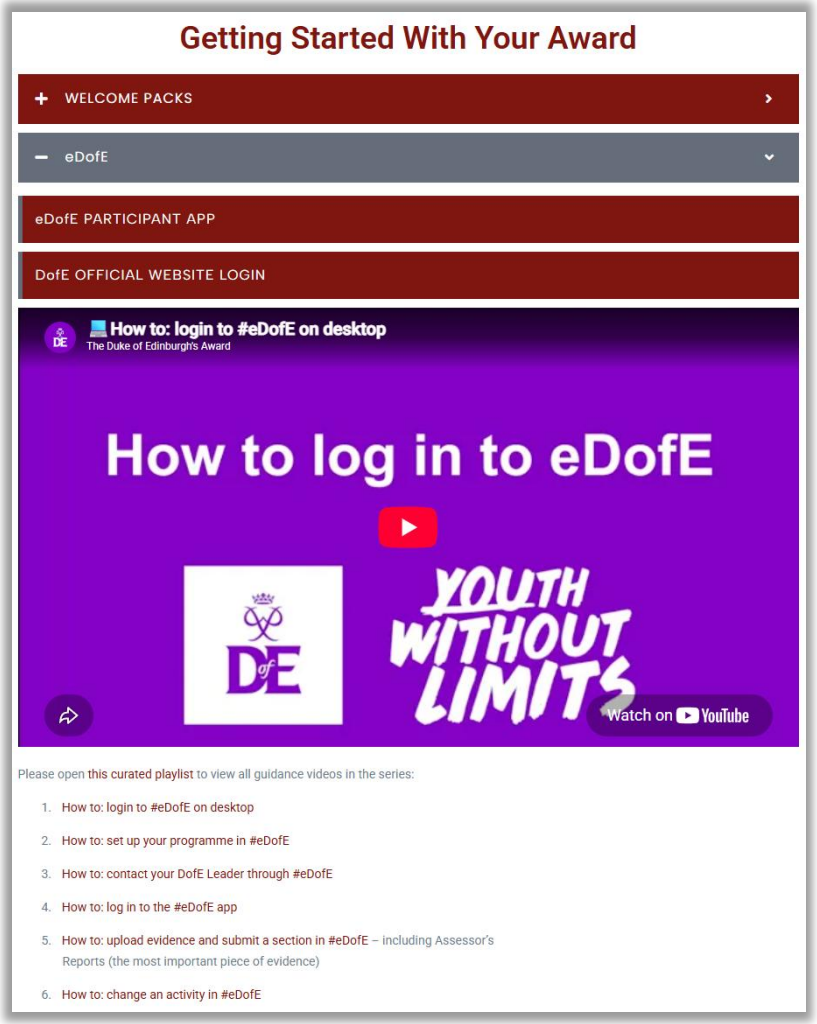
VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Skills Section Information

Making Progress Through the Award

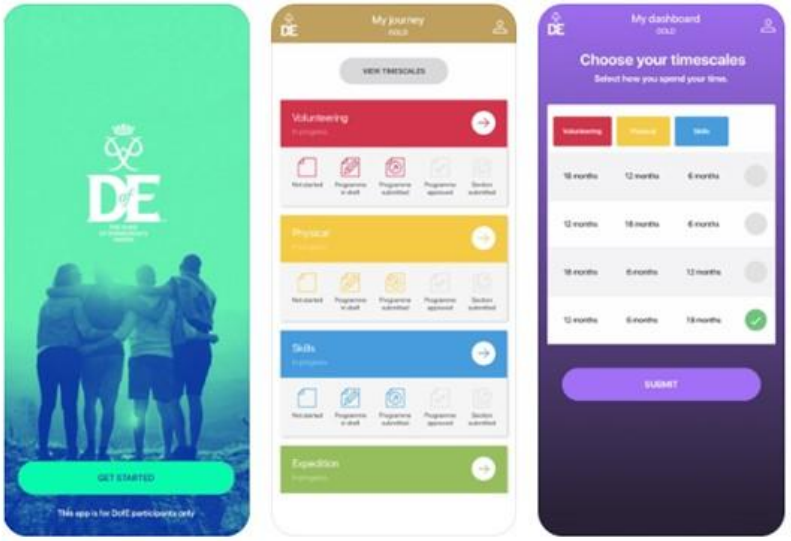
- The guides found in the resources section provide step-by-step instructions.
- Training videos have also been added that show you what to do.
- It can be accessed through our "Student Development" and "D of E Award" menus, or directly through:

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The DofE app

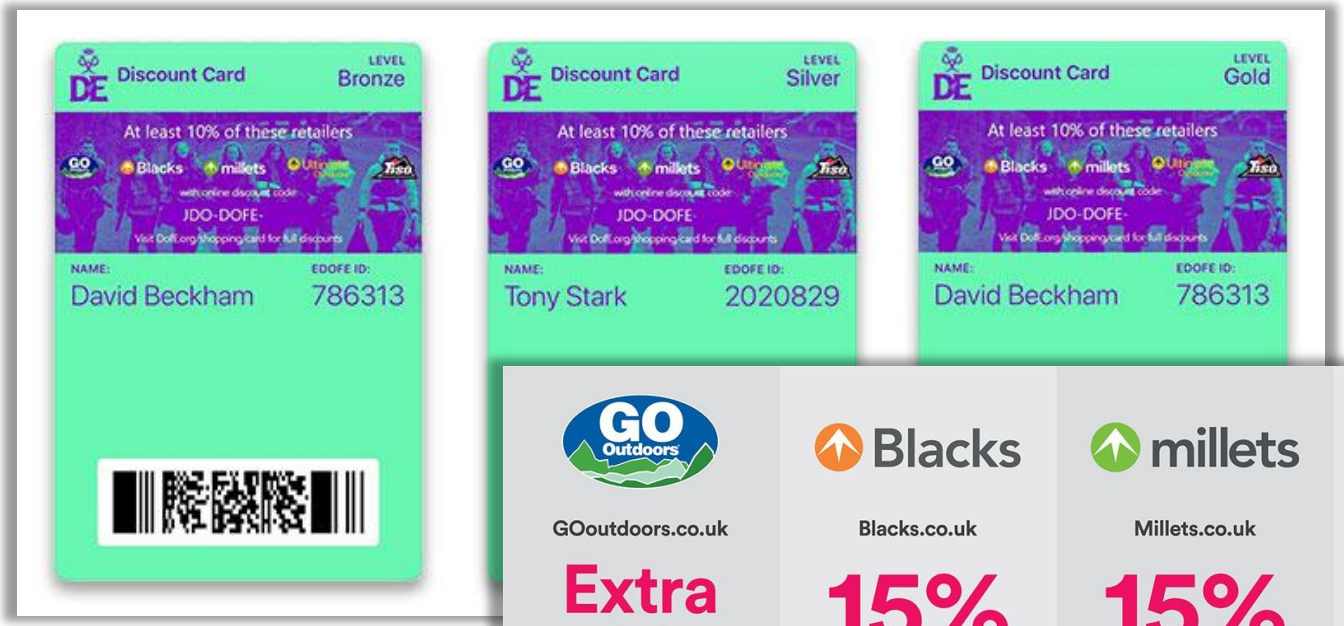


The DofE app is available for free from the App Store on iPhones and Google Play on Android phones.

Participants can use the DofE app to plan activities, get approval from Leaders, record evidence, submit programmes for completion and more.

Plus, it can sync important dates to your phone calendar and add the personalised DofE Card to the digital wallet, to make the most of the exclusive discounts.

Discount Card



GO Outdoors

GOoutdoors.co.uk

Extra 10%

off the GO Outdoors Discount Card price.

Inspiring everyone to get outdoors, for less… and love it as much as we do.

Blacks

Blacks.co.uk

15%

off the current selling price. Includes reduced price items.

Proud to be a part of your outdoor life.

millets

Millets.co.uk

15%

off the current selling price. Includes reduced price items.

The destination for family adventure.

Ultimate Outdoors

Ultimateoutdoors.com

15%

off the current selling price. Includes reduced price items.

The number one destination for all things outdoors.

Tiso

Geared up for the outdoors

Tiso.com

15%

off the retail price.

Scotland's leading specialist retailer for outdoor clothing, camping equipment and climbing gear.

Always show your DofE Card or Voucher.
You'll get the best savings and help support young people to do their DofE.

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The Upcoming Expeditions

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Expectations & Assessment

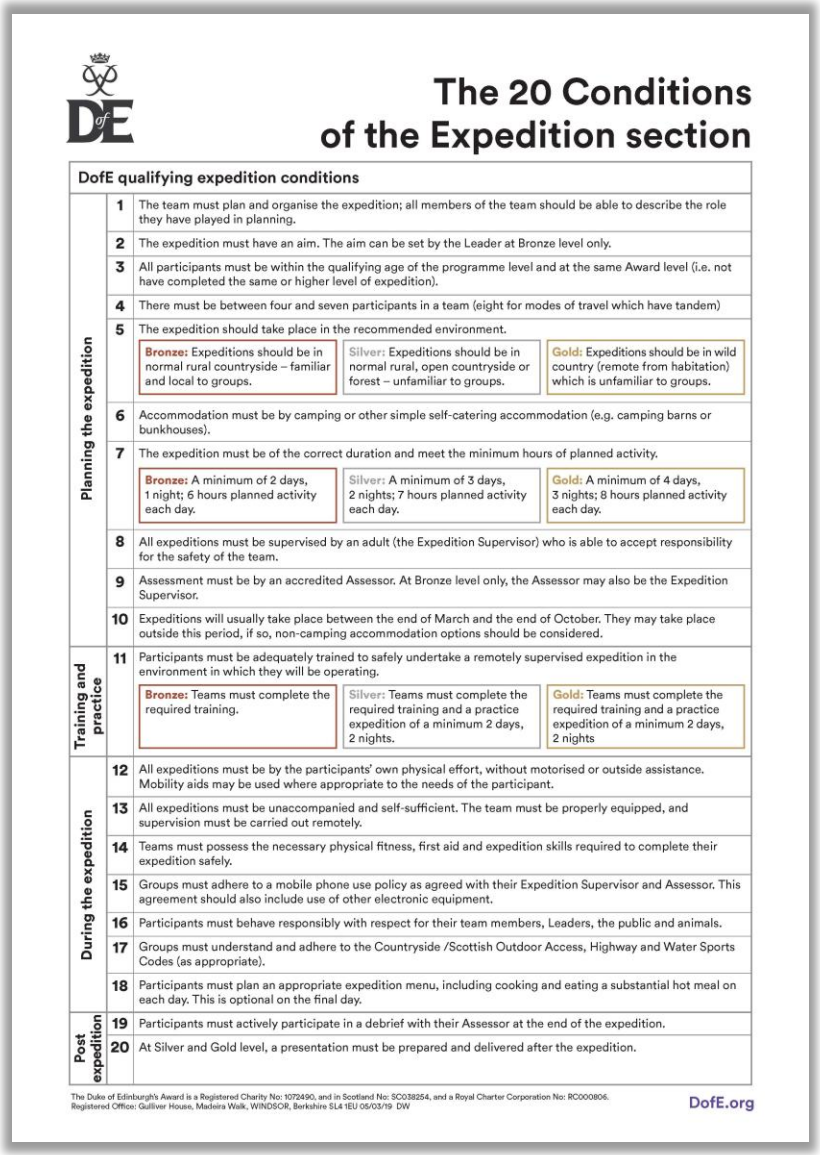
- The highest standard of engagement and conduct is expected throughout the participation in the Award.
  - Our "Duke of Edinburgh Award 2026/27 – Terms & Conditions" can be found on our website:

    https://tytheringtonschool.co.uk/home/d-of-e-award/
- With regard to the Expedition section, participant groups will be constantly assessed while training and on expedition.
  - As per DofE conditions, each group must take collective responsibility for any individual's actions within their group.
  - As such, any breach of the DofE expectations by an individual may result in the whole group being subject to exclusion from the remainder of the training or expedition.

Expectations & Assessment

- All participants must meet "The 20 Conditions of the Expedition Section" to be able to complete the award.
- The conditions can be accessed within:

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The 20 Conditions of the Expedition section

DofE qualifying expedition conditions

Planning the expedition	1	The team must plan and organise the expedition; all members of the team should be able to describe the role they have played in planning.
	2	The expedition must have an aim. The aim can be set by the Leader at Bronze level only.
	3	All participants must be within the qualifying age of the programme level and at the same Award level (i.e. not have completed the same or higher level of expedition).
	4	There must be between four and seven participants in a team (eight for modes of travel which have tandem)
	5	The expedition should take place in the recommended environment. **Bronze:** Expeditions should be in normal rural countryside – familiar and local to groups. **Silver:** Expeditions should be in normal rural, open countryside or forest – unfamiliar to groups. **Gold:** Expeditions should be in wild country (remote from habitation) which is unfamiliar to groups.
	6	Accommodation must be by camping or other simple self-catering accommodation (e.g. camping barns or bunkhouses).
	7	The expedition must be of the correct duration and meet the minimum hours of planned activity. **Bronze:** A minimum of 2 days, 1 night; 6 hours planned activity each day. **Silver:** A minimum of 3 days, 2 nights; 7 hours planned activity each day. **Gold:** A minimum of 4 days, 3 nights; 8 hours planned activity each day.
	8	All expeditions must be supervised by an adult (the Expedition Supervisor) who is able to accept responsibility for the safety of the team.
	9	Assessment must be by an accredited Assessor. At Bronze level only, the Assessor may also be the Expedition Supervisor.
	10	Expeditions will usually take place between the end of March and the end of October. They may take place outside this period, if so, non-camping accommodation options should be considered.
Training and practice	11	Participants must be adequately trained to safely undertake a remotely supervised expedition in the environment in which they will be operating. **Bronze:** Teams must complete the required training. **Silver:** Teams must complete the required training and a practice expedition of a minimum 2 days, 2 nights. **Gold:** Teams must complete the required training and a practice expedition of a minimum 2 days, 2 nights
During the expedition	12	All expeditions must be by the participants' own physical effort, without motorised or outside assistance. Mobility aids may be used where appropriate to the needs of the participant.
	13	All expeditions must be unaccompanied and self-sufficient. The team must be properly equipped, and supervision must be carried out remotely.
	14	Teams must possess the necessary physical fitness, first aid and expedition skills required to complete their expedition safely.
	15	Groups must adhere to a mobile phone use policy as agreed with their Expedition Supervisor and Assessor. This agreement should also include use of other electronic equipment.
	16	Participants must behave responsibly with respect for their team members, Leaders, the public and animals.
	17	Groups must understand and adhere to the Countryside /Scottish Outdoor Access, Highway and Water Sports Codes (as appropriate).
	18	Participants must plan an appropriate expedition menu, including cooking and eating a substantial hot meal on each day. This is optional on the final day.
Post expedition	19	Participants must actively participate in a debrief with their Assessor at the end of the expedition.
	20	At Silver and Gold level, a presentation must be prepared and delivered after the expedition.

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Expedition Weekends

Parents/carers must be available at all times during the course of expedition weekends.

Practice Expedition

Silver

Friday 16th (Evening) to Sunday 18th April 2027

Bronze

Sunday 18th April 2027

Details on the next slides and in the respective expedition letters

Qualifying Expedition

Silver

Friday 14th to Sunday 16th May 2027

Bronze

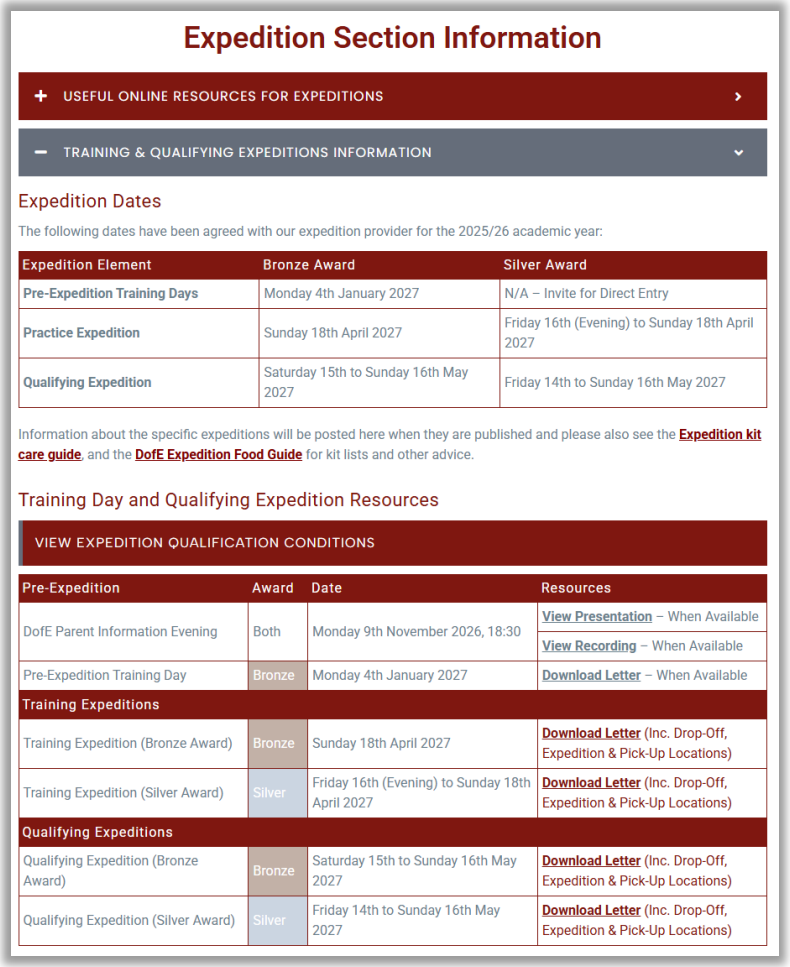
Saturday 15th to Sunday 16th May 2027

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Please see the “Expedition Section Information” section of the school DofE webpage for all details:

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Expedition Section Information

+ USEFUL ONLINE RESOURCES FOR EXPEDITIONS

− TRAINING & QUALIFYING EXPEDITIONS INFORMATION

Expedition Dates

The following dates have been agreed with our expedition provider for the 2025/26 academic year:

Expedition Element	Bronze Award	Silver Award
Pre-Expedition Training Days	Monday 4th January 2027	N/A – Invite for Direct Entry
Practice Expedition	Sunday 18th April 2027	Friday 16th (Evening) to Sunday 18th April 2027
Qualifying Expedition	Saturday 15th to Sunday 16th May 2027	Friday 14th to Sunday 16th May 2027

Information about the specific expeditions will be posted here when they are published and please also see the **Expedition kit care guide**, and the **DofE Expedition Food Guide** for kit lists and other advice.

Training Day and Qualifying Expedition Resources

VIEW EXPEDITION QUALIFICATION CONDITIONS

Pre-Expedition	Award	Date	Resources
DofE Parent Information Evening	Both	Monday 9th November 2026, 18:30	View Presentation – When Available View Recording – When Available
Pre-Expedition Training Day	Bronze	Monday 4th January 2027	Download Letter – When Available
Training Expeditions			
Training Expedition (Bronze Award)	Bronze	Sunday 18th April 2027	Download Letter (Inc. Drop-Off, Expedition & Pick-Up Locations)
Training Expedition (Silver Award)	Silver	Friday 16th (Evening) to Sunday 18th April 2027	Download Letter (Inc. Drop-Off, Expedition & Pick-Up Locations)
Qualifying Expeditions			
Qualifying Expedition (Bronze Award)	Bronze	Saturday 15th to Sunday 16th May 2027	Download Letter (Inc. Drop-Off, Expedition & Pick-Up Locations)
Qualifying Expedition (Silver Award)	Silver	Friday 14th to Sunday 16th May 2027	Download Letter (Inc. Drop-Off, Expedition & Pick-Up Locations)

Expedition Equipment & Support

- A logo'd expedition t-shirt is included in the sign-up charge.
- Excel Outdoors will provide the following group kit:
  - 3-Person Tents
  - Trangia Stove (inc. cooking pans)
  - Stove Fuel
- Please see kit list within the Excel Outdoors Expedition Letters, available through:

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To Do

- ❑ Please carefully and fully read through the **respective expedition letters** that contains details of drop-off, overnight camping and pick-up locations.
- ❑ Organise lift-sharing for drop-off and pick-up where you wish to do so.
- ❑ Ensure that your child is staying on top of their evidence building for the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections, and has the official Assessor Report completed at the end of the time spent on each section.

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Thank you for attending our

Duke of Edinburgh Award 2027 Expeditions

Parent Information Evening

Please email me if you have any questions – apilbury@tytheringtonschool.co.uk

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