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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD



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Award levels



- Bronze award.
- Open to Year 10 students.
- Typically, around 100 students.



- Silver award.
- Open to year 11 students.
- Typically, around 20 students.



- Gold award.
- Open to Y12 students.
- Typically, 20-25 students.



What is the **DofE**?

The DofE is a life-changing adventure for young people aged 14-24.

It helps young people develop skills for their future life and work.



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The **Silver** Award

- Open to Year 11 students.
- Takes minimum 6 months to complete. (if you have completed bronze)
- No previous experience needed, although bronze is preferred.



The **Gold** Award

- Open to Year 12 students.
- Takes minimum 12 months to complete. (if you have completed silver)
- No previous experience needed, although Silver award is desirable.



The **different** sections

There are a variety of options of what you can do for each of the sections.

You must spend at least an hour a week on each section.

Students are responsible for organising, attending and submitting each section

Once a section has been completed, a named assessor will write a report that needs to be submitted to complete the section.



The **Volunteering** Section

Act and make a difference to the causes that you care about.

Help others and change things for the better in your local community.



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The **Skills** Section

Devote yourself to improving your skills in the things that you love to do.

Discover new passions and develop new talents that you didn't know you had.



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The **Physical** Section

Take part in whatever dance, sport, or fitness activity you like.

Get fitter, more active and have fun along the way.



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The **Expedition** Section

Explore the great outdoors, planning, training and completing your expedition.

Learn essential skills such as navigation, map reading, cooking and basic first aid. Delivered through Session 3s and training days.



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The **Expedition** Section

The Expedition is about developing initiative and a spirit of adventure and discovery.

You'll do this by planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey in remote mountainous environments as part of a team.

Provided kit:

- Tent.
- Trangia stove.
- Rucksacks.
- Waterproofs - top and bottoms (ideally bring your own, spares are available)

How does TTS manage the inherent risks?



Types of **Supervision**

At both levels, the DofE requires students to move independently and therefore be remotely supervised.

What does this entail?



The **Residential** Section (gold only)

Spending time away from home, completing purposeful group activities.

Stepping out of your comfort zone, taking on challenges, working as a team.



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Once a **Section** is completed

Your named assessor will complete an assessor report, either on paper or electronically.

This written record will
comment on the progress
you made and the skills
you learned.

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Awardee's Report Evidence

Things to look out for

Download a checklist of the information an Award Verifier will look for when reading your report. Please try to include as much of this information as possible in your report.

Please describe the achievements of the participant as they undertook this piece. Say how they met their goals, what skill they have developed and mention any memorable things that they accomplished.

Please include the start and end dates between which the young person undertook their activity.

Download a summary of what to include in your report, and **some example reports here**

Name:

Start Date:

End Date:

If these dates are incorrect please amend them. The end date must be after the start and date shown.

What progress did they make towards their goal? *

What did they achieve, what skills did they learn? *

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Silver Expedition

Develops your navigation, teamwork and independence in the outdoors.



Duration

3 days and 2 nights



Walking distance

A minimum of 50 km
(over the 3 days)



Terrain

Normally in areas of open country
such as moorland, countryside or coast.



Navigation

Demonstrate the ability to navigate
using a map and compass.



Team size

Typically **4–7 people**
(must work as a team).



Campsite

Camp for **2 nights**.



Practice expedition

Required – 1 practice expedition
(with assessor).



Assessed expedition

1 assessed expedition
(with independent assessor).



Challenge level

Moderate challenge.

Develops confidence and key skills.



Gold Expedition

A more challenging and rewarding expedition,
requiring greater commitment and independence.



4 days and 3 nights



A minimum of 60 km
(over the 4 days)



Usually in more challenging terrain,
often at higher altitudes and in more
remote areas.



Demonstrate a higher level of navigation
skill and independence.



Typically **4–7 people**
(must work as a team).



Camp for **3 nights**.



Required – 1 practice expedition
(with assessor).



1 assessed expedition
(with independent assessor).



Greater challenge.

Requires more endurance, resilience
and independence.

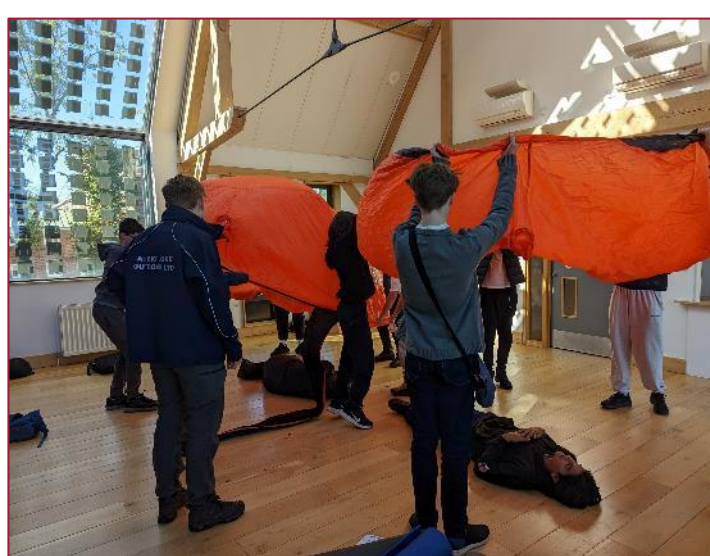




Past **TTS** expeditions



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Expedition training



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Key Dates



Silver	
<u>Enrolment</u> Tue 10 th November 2026 Session 3	Introduction and enrolment, updating DofE records, training day prep.
<u>Training day</u> Saturday 21 st November 2026	See website for more details
<u>Practice expedition</u> Sunday 27 th June 2026 to Tuesday 29 th June (overnight)	Eryri – Harlech area More details TBC on school website
<u>Qualifying expedition</u> Monday 12 th July to Wednesday 14 th July 2027 (overnight)	Eryri, Dolgellau area More details TBC on school website



Key Dates



Gold	
<u>Enrolment</u> Tue 3 rd November 2026 Session 3	Introduction and enrolment, updating DofE records, training day prep. Expedition Groups
<u>Training day</u> Saturday 21 st November 2026	See TTS website for more details.
<u>Practice expedition</u> Friday 25 th June to Sunday 27 th June 2027 (overnight)	Eryri, Harlech area More details TBC on school website.
<u>Qualifying expedition</u> Friday 9 th July to Monday 12 th July 2027 (overnight)	Eryri, Cadir Idris area More details TBC on school website.



Key Dates



Gold Extra (for students who have not completed silver)

<u>Enrolment</u> Tue 3 rd November 2026 Session 3	Introduction and enrolment, updating DofE records, training day prep. Expedition Groups
<u>Training day</u> Saturday 21 st November 2026	See TTS website for more details.
<u>Extra training expedition</u> Thursday 20 th and Friday 21 st May 2027	More details on TTS website.
<u>Practice expedition</u> Friday 25 th June to Sunday 27 th June 2027 (overnight)	Eryri, Harlech area More details TBC on school website.
<u>Qualifying expedition</u> Friday 9 th July to Monday 12 th July 2027 (overnight)	Eryri, Cadir Idris area More details TBC on school website.



What to do **next**?

- An email will be going home in the week with instructions on how to make the £100 deposit to secure your place.
- **Final balances will be due in February.**

IMPORTANT – In the notes section on ParentPay, please stipulate which award you will be enrolling on (Silver, Gold, or Gold Direct)



Behaviour **expectations**

- The behaviour when attending the Session 3's, training days and expeditions are the same expectations as when you are in School.
- If there are behaviour concerns the normal School protocol will be followed.
- If we feel your child is not ready to take part in the expedition after receiving the training, your child will be deferred until the following year, when again this will be assessed.



Where can I find more **information**?

- Throughout the award the main source of information will be the school website

<https://www.ttsonline.net/beyond-the-classroom/the-d-of-e-award-scheme/>

The D of E Award Scheme

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is open to students from Year 10 and there are currently over one hundred students taking part at Bronze, Silver or Gold level. The Award's objective is to develop young people's personal skills and to broaden their range of experiences.

There are four sections which involve learning a new skill; undertaking a service to others, for example, charity work; participating in physical recreation and undertaking a number of expeditions.

General Information

Bronze Award Information

Programmes

2025-26

Bronze Group A Duke of Edinburgh
Programme 25-26

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Bronze Group B Duke of Edinburgh
Programme 25-26

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Training

2025-26

Bronze A and B Worfield Training Day

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Bronze Basic Training

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Expeditions



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Frequently asked **Questions**

Can I choose which group to be in?

Yes, but there is no guarantee that I will be able to put you in that group. I will try my best to accommodate any requests, but this may not always be possible due to staff, student numbers, friendship groups and DofE rules.

Can I choose the people in my expedition group?

Yes, but there may be other issues that prevent students being in the same expedition group. Again, I will do my best to accommodate requests, but this may not be possible.

Can I miss any of the training?

No, the DofE rules state that participants must be adequately trained to safely complete an expedition in the environment in which they will be operating. The TTS training is done through session 3s and the practice expedition events.



Frequently asked Questions

I have paid for the award but have decided to withdraw. Can I get a refund?

No. The costs for the award are based on the number of people taking part. Refunds will not be possible as the expenses for these trips are paid in advance of the programme starting.

How long will it take me to complete the award?

At least 6 or 12 months, although you are eligible to complete the award up till your 24th birthday. The length will depend on when you start and complete your different sections.

Who decides whether I have completed a section?

A section is completed once an assessor's report has been submitted to the eDofE system and has been confirmed by Mr Chandler.



What does it **Cost?**

- Silver Award – **£225**
- Gold Award - **£325**
- Gold (direct) Award - **£365**

Includes: registration & admin, campsite fees, DofE assessors, training, in school support, some equipment, assessor reports, expedition staffing, expedition support.

Please make sure that before committing to the award you are available to attend the session 3s, training and final expedition dates.

No refunds can be given once participation on the award has been confirmed.



Further **Information...**

- Grab an information sheet before you leave.
- <https://www.dofe.org> for even more details.
- All documents can be found on the website relating to dates/events etc.



Further **Information...**

- A letter will be going home with instructions of how to make the £100 deposit to secure your place. The final balance of will be due in February 2027.

