

Year 12 & 13 Update

April 2023



Expedition Dates

Due to Year 12 trial examinations being scheduled around the original dates of 24-26th June, we have moved the Silver Assessed Expedition to Saturday 10th June - Monday 12th June. This will be in a different location so unfortunately will have to be re-planned by students (see below). This will also mean that Year 12 students can complete their Silver Award earlier and enrol on Gold if they wish to.

Year 12/13 Gold Expedition is confirmed for 15th-19th July

Expedition Planning Evening for Year 12 and 13

This will be on Thursday 4th May in B2.5 from 3:10pm-5pm. Students in Year 12 will be re-planning their Silver Assessed routes and also the Gold Practice if they wish to do Gold. Year 13 students will be planning their Gold Assessed routes. All students are required to attend.

Expeditions: Essential information/reminders

- Students should pack their own bag so that they know where all of their kit is.
- Nothing should be outside of their rucksack except for a roll mat wrapped in a tough black bag to keep it dry. Everything inside should be wrapped in black bags to keep everything dry, especially clothes and their sleeping bag.
- Mobile phones are strictly forbidden on expeditions with the exception of one 'emergency mobile' per expedition group which remains turned off throughout the weekend unless there is an emergency.
- Please ensure you are on time as the whole group cannot leave by coach until everyone is here!

All students must have:

- Suitable clothing (Students will need to wear clothes suitable for walking). Jeans are not permitted. A waterproof coat (and preferably waterproof trousers are also required)
- For Silver and Gold, you must have a pair of proper walking boots!
- Toiletries
- A Compass
- Large rucksack
- Sleeping bag and sleeping mat.

Each expedition group will also need:

- Tents of suitable size that the group can sleep in along with their rucksacks (double-skinned)
- Cooking stoves for the group (Trangia or resealable gas burning stoves - please check before purchasing these to check if they are suitable, or you can hire one from us instead)

Further information about equipment can also be found on our website:

<https://arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/students/duke-of-edinburgh/expeditions-equipment/>.

We are able to loan certain equipment if necessary and students will need to inform Miss Wilson on the 4th May at the training session. Details of kit hire can be found here:

<https://arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/students/duke-of-edinburgh/kit-hire/>

Year 12 Silver Assessed Expedition Saturday 10th - Monday 12th June

Students will be required to arrive at school no later than 8am on entering the green gate (Parents are not permitted to come in with them) and gathering in the atrium with their group for kit checks.

We will travel to the expedition area by coach/minibus, camp for TWO nights and return to school at approximately 5:30pm on Monday 12th June.

The campsites we will be staying at are:

10th June: Shipston Enterprise Centre CV35 4DQ (07507 226267)

11th June: Cotswold Hills Country Park OX7 5TE (01608 644860)

In case of emergency, please contact the DofE mobiles first and if there is no answer contact the campsite if necessary.

Year 12/13 Gold Practice/Assessed Expedition Saturday 15th -Wednesday 19th July

Students will be required to arrive at school no later than 8am on Saturday and gather at the front of school.

We will travel to the expedition area by coach/minibus, camp for FOUR nights and return to school at approximately 5:30pm on Wednesday 19th July. The Saturday is an acclimatization day where students will be able to purchase a takeaway for their evening meal. Their actual expedition begins on Sunday morning.

The campsite that staff we will be staying at (and students on the first night) is Cae Gethin Farm LL46 2SA (01766 780247). Students will be staying at various other campsites unsupervised for the remaining nights, although staff will visit them every evening.

In case of emergency, please contact the DofE mobiles first and if there is no answer contact the campsite if necessary.

DofE Emergency Mobile Numbers

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