



Duke of Edinburgh Gold by Foot Information

[Off Grid Walking Schedule Gold 2024](#)

[Digital copies of the Welcome Packs - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](#)

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year. Please find attached the new digital copies of the DoFE welcome packs, Off Grid Adventures (our Gold by Foot provider) Expedition Schedule and their information booklet.

[Off Grid Information Booklet](#)

Equipment

Individual and Group equipment is listed in the information booklet.

Group Equipment that is supplied by Off Grid Adventures on the day of the Expedition- Tent, Trangia Stoves, Maps, Compasses, Emergency Contact details.

STRS Equipment available to hire- We do loan Rucksacks, Compasses and First Aid kits but we only have a limited amount. Please ask your child to email with their group a list of items they would like to loan. This equipment they will receive the week before their expedition. When collecting the equipment they must submit a cheque to 'STRS' as a deposit. We will inform them of the amount before going ahead with this. This cheque will not be cashed. It will be held until after they have completed their expedition and returned to you once all the loaned equipment has been returned in good order.

Dates to remember:

Transportation is by parental drop-off and pick-up. Please note the different start times for the practice and qualifying expeditions.

Gold by Foot Practice Expedition (Black Mountains)-

Practice Expedition: 4-7 April 2024 in the Black Mountains, Wales

Meeting point - 12pm 4th April: Abergavenny Train Station

End point: Abergavenny Train Station at approximately 4pm.

Gold by Foot Qualifying Expedition (Brecon Beacons, Wales)-

Qualifying Expedition: 30 August - 2 September 2024 in the Brecon Beacons, Wales

Meeting point - 9am 30th August: Plas Dolygaer Scout Campsite* - www.plasdolygaer.co.uk; *There is no telephone signal or 4G at Plas Dolygaer Scout Campsite

End point: Merthyr Tydfil Train Station at approximately 4pm.

Note:

Address information is accurate with Google Maps. Due to the rural location of venues, postcodes alone will rarely be accurate.

Please consider this when using SatNavs and check locations with Google Maps before.

Finance

At this stage all but one instalment towards the expedition should have been paid. I will be sending out an additional email regarding this to anyone with overdue instalment payments following this email as a reminder. The final instalment is due 10 February 2024.

eDofE Sections

At this point your child should have all sections should be in progress (If you child has not entered information on the eDofE app and submitted it for approve it will not be in progress- please get them to check). In order to get a section marked off as completed their assessor must submit an assessors report. Their assessor will need the following information:

- ID number (this is on the eDofE account)
- Level of Award (Bronze, Silver or Gold)

- Section they are assessing (Volunteering, Physical or Skill)
- Timescale (3 months or 6 months at Bronze and Silver, 12 or potentially 18 months at Gold)

They will need to submit their report via this link: [Assessor's Report - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](https://www.dofe.org/assessor-report)

Please remember parents/caregivers/relatives and under 18s cannot be assessors.

Hopefully, this will answer any questions you have but, as always, if you have any queries please email me (cer@strs.org.uk).

Best wishes

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