



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Mixed Mode Assessed Expedition 22-26 July 2024- MEET POINT CHANGE

[Important Information- DofE Parents Information Evening PPT](#)

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

Dear Parents,

The expedition season is upon us and shortly the Gold students will be completing their practice expedition. Please find below important information in preparation for the upcoming expedition as well as the Information Evening PPT with Ocean Rock directed at Bronze, Silver and Gold reminding your child of appropriate food and clothing choices.

Food and Equipment-

Please see below the link to the parents information evening which gives you guidance on appropriate food and clothing-

[2023 12 08 DofE Evening December \(youtube.com\)](#)

Group Equipment that is supplied by Ocean Rock on the day of the Assessed Expedition- Tent, Trangia Stoves, Maps (2 per group), Emergency Contact details.

Hired Equipment-

If you have hired a rucksack from STRS your child will still have it following the Practice so if this could be returned at the start of next term that would be appreciated. If your child hired personal equipment through Ocean Rock this will be given to your child at the start point.

*Group Equipment that Ocean Rock supplies on the day of the Qualifying Expedition - Tent, Trangia Stoves, Maps (2 per group), **Ocean Rock Emergency Contact Details.***

STRS Trips Phone (Mrs Rigby-Smith) - 07367 440 335

Dates to remember:

Qualifying Expedition *Transportation is by parental drop off and pick up.*

Day 1- Monday 22nd July 2024

Meet point: *Great Wood Scout Camp, Birks Road, Newby Bridge, Cumbria. LA23 3PQ* (MEET POINT CHANGE DUE TO TIMINGS OF TRAINS with reasoning)

Meet time: 11.30am & hopefully 14.00 latest for those arriving by train.

To ensure students are arriving on time most students appear to be travelling up the night before with parents or carers or they are driving themselves up on the day. It has been brought to our attention that it is difficult to get to the start point for 11.30am by train. If your child is intending to catch the train, we would advise that in order that they get a reasonable rest the night before they should catch the train from Gloucester or Cheltenham which arrives at Windermere at 12.58pm. Please could they organise a taxi prior to their day of arrival to take them to the start point.

We have changed the meet point because we do not want students waiting (potentially in the rain) for other students to arrive. This gives them the opportunity to get settled at the campsite and organise their equipment ready for the expedition the following day. Due to the change in start point it does mean that Ocean Rock have decided to incorporate the Water Sports Training element of capsizing on a lake, into Tuesday's activities not Monday. This will not impact on parents or carers directly but is a switch I wanted students to be aware of. This means on Tuesday, the start of the Assessed Expedition itself will be on Foot with a two hour walk to the Windermere lake. On arrival at the lake, they will switch to canoe - students will change into Ocean Rock wetsuits to experience a deep water capsizing drill (on the lake). Teams will then get off the water, change into their expedition clothes and continue their journey across Windermere to Low Wray camp.

Campsite 1: Great Wood Scout Camp, Birks Road, Newby Bridge, Cumbria. LA23 3PQ

Campsite 2: Low Wray Campsite, Ambleside, Cumbria. LA22 0JA

Campsite 3: Sykeside, Brotherswater, Patterdale, CA11 0NZ

Campsite 4: Low Wray, Campsite, Ambleside, Cumbria. LA22 0JA

Day 2- Friday 26th July 2024

Meet point: Ferry Nab car park Bowness-on-Windermere, LA22 3JN

Google Maps Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/pnkLNRwjL3uTkvo76>

What3words: snapping.leathers.incisions

Pick up time: ALL TEAMS 4.00pm

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. **Please download What3words for an exact metre square location in case of issues.**

eDofE Sections

At this point, your child should have completed at least **two** section of their award and all sections should be in progress (If your child has not entered information on the eDofE app and submitted it for approval 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 assessor's 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 potential 18 months at Gold)

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

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

Medications

Please ensure your child has all medications mentioned on Parent Gateway and the Medical Consent with them ready to show Ocean Rock staff at the start point as they will not be allowed to be participant until they have any declared medication with them.

Consent

Shortly you will receive a request for consent email from our EVOLVE trips systems. Please respond to that as soon as possible to avoid chaser email and phone calls prior to the expedition.

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

Mrs Rigby-Smith

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