



Duke of Edinburgh Silver Foot REMINDER KIT HIRE DEADLINE TODAY

[Duke of Edinburgh Parents Evening PPT](#)

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

Dear Parents

Following a very enjoyable training day last term we had an informative parents' evening from the expedition provider Ocean Rock. For those who could not attend please find the link to the recording attached.

<https://youtu.be/y2l6SA7jg54>

Please find a copy of the PPT used on the evening attached. Be aware that the presentation was directed at Bronze, Silver and Gold level. As such the dates and locations of your child's specific expedition are stated below.

Summarised important information is below:

Friday 13 February 2026- Equipment Hire Deadline

This is hired online via their website: [2 - Gateway Form Hire](#). If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium and wishes to hire rucksacks etc. from Ocean Rock, please email me so that the school can organise hiring this on your behalf. It is imperative that if you wish to hire personal equipment from Ocean Rock, such as a rucksack, sleeping bag, sleep mat, waterproof rucksack liner, waterproof jacket or waterproof trousers, you order these online before the deadline. Any equipment your child has hired will be given to them at the start point.

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

STRS Equipment available to loan

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 once all the loaned equipment has been returned in good order.

Medical Form Deadline- This should have already been submitted before the training day but please update it by 13 February 2026 if there are any alterations.

Dates to remember:

Practice Expedition

Transportation is by parental drop-off & pick-up

Day 1 Friday 6 March, 2026

Meet point: Ridgeway car park (Wantage), Bitham Road, Off B4494, Wantage. OX12 8PA

Google maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/7CwDMCAQVadkjct8>

What3Words: howler.fended.ivory

Meet time(s): Teams: 10:00

Campsite 1: Lattin Down Kilne, Wantage, Oxfordshire. OX12 8PA

What3Words: ///backpacks.vegas.revised

Day 2 **Saturday 7 March, 2026**

Campsite 2: Farncombe Farm, Lambourn, Berkshire. RG17 7BN

What3Words: ///wreck.someone.altering

Day 3 **Sunday 8 March, 2026**

End point: Field Near Uffington White Horse National Trust car park, Woolstone, Faringdon. SN7 7QJ

Google maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/d6cEz5BW4aoSpTGKA>

What3Words: feasted.adopters.destroyer

Pick up time(s): Teams: 14:00

Final Expedition *Transportation is by parental drop-off & pick-up*

Day 1 **Saturday 2 May, 2026**

Meet point: Broadway Car Park, Broadway WR12 7HA

Google maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/h1hdGxWLKGgc8rwQ7>

What3Words: overt.weeded.agency

Meet time(s): Teams: 11:00

Campsite 1: Hayles Fruit Farm, Winchcombe, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. GL54 5PB

What3Words: ///spare.straw.buckling

Day 2 **Sunday 3 May, 2026**

Campsite 2: Colgate Farm, Ham Road, Cheltenham, GL54 4EZ

What3Words: ///nurse.labs.motion

Day 3 **Monday 4 May, 2026**

End point: Cleeve Hill car park (Golf Club), Southam, Cheltenham GL52 3PW

Google maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/4Y7DYTrFVhjDL5ik8>

What3Words: layover.unit.correctly

Pick up time(s): Teams: 14:00

Teams

Teams lists will be put on Satchel One to accommodate any adjustments made following the training day. If students have any queries about this please ask them to come and speak to me in G3 or F1.

Finance

At this stage, all finance towards the expedition should have been paid. I will be sending out an additional email regarding this to anyone with payments outstanding following this email.

eDofE Sections

At this point, your child should have completed at least one 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.

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

Best wishes

Mrs Rigby-Smith

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