



Duke of Edinburgh Gold by Foot Information 2026

[Gold Foot Off Grid Expedition Guide 2026](#)

[Gold Foot Walking Schedule 2026](#)

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a lovely half term holiday. Please find attached Off Grid Adventures (our Gold by Foot provider) Expedition Schedule and their 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.

Practice Expedition: 30 March to 3 April 2025 in the Black Mountains, Wales

Meeting point - 12pm 30th March: Abergavenny Train Station

Camp 1: Pen-y-Dre Farm Campsite

Camp 2: Ty Mawr Farm campsite

Camp 3: Pyscodlyn Farm Campsite

End point: Abergavenny Train Station at approximately 4pm.

Qualifying Expedition: 21-24 July 2025 in the Brecon Beacons, Wales

Meeting point - 9am: Taf Fechan Forest car park <https://tinyurl.com/gold-start>

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/JKAHduBf2aXMAVZw6>

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Camp 1: Blaen Glyn Farm

Camp 2: New Inn, Ystradfellte

Camp 3: The Grawen Caravan and Campsite

End point - approx. 4pm: Pontsticill Memorial Hall (next to the Butchers Arms pub)

Main Road, Pontsticill, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 2UE <https://maps.app.goo.gl/TDyBAiozngaW1HntZ>

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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 finance towards the expedition should have been paid. The finance department will contact anyone with an outstanding instalment payment, shortly.

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://dofe.org/assessor-report)

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

Emergency Contact Number-

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

Best wishes

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