



Duke of Edinburgh Gold by Foot Assessed Expedition Reminder 2026

[Off Grid Adventure Expedition Guide 2026](#)

[Gold Foot Qualifying Location and Dates 2026](#)

Dear Parents,

Please find attached Off Grid Adventures (our Gold by Foot provider) Expedition Schedule and their information booklet.

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.

Dates to remember:

Transportation is by parental drop-off and pick-up. Please note the start time for the qualifying expedition.

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

Qualifying Expedition: **20 - 23 July 2026** in the Brecon Beacons, Wales

Drop-off at **9am**: Llwyn-onn reservoir car park, Merthyr Tydfil

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Camp 1: New Inn, Ystradfellte

Camp 2: Blaenglyn Farm

Camp 3: Parkwood Outdoors Dolygaer 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**. There is parking at the Tesco opposite the station or in the station car park.

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.

Weather

Given the high temperatures over the past few weeks we are monitoring the temperatures in the Brecon Beacons closely. It appears to be cooler next week although in the high 20s at times which is relatively typical for a Gold assessed expedition.

Due to the heat and humidity levels the ground is particularly dry and prone to wildfires. As such the provider will remind them about sensible campcraft and safety at the campsites when cooking.

STRS Contact Number for Mrs Rigby-Smith- 07367 443 226

This will be monitored throughout the trip. Please be aware Mrs Rigby-Smith who will not be in the area for the expedition but will be in contact frequently with the provider and can contact the provider for you directly if necessary.

eDofE Sections

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

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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