



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Mixed Mode Assessed Expedition Reminder 2026

[Gold Safety Briefing 2026](#)

Dear Parents

Following a successful practice your child will shortly be completing their Mixed Mode Assessed expedition. This is just a quick reminder of the locations and timings for next week.

Dates to remember:

Transportation is by parental drop-off and pick-up. Be aware most students are taking the train and then getting taxi to the meeting point.

Gold by Mixed Mode Assessed Expedition

Acclimatisation Monday 31 August, 2026

Meet point: Great Tower Scout Camp, Birks Road, Newby Bridge, Cumbria. LA23 3PQ

Google maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Yt45dTw4eNdpNgLV8>

What3Words: ///differ.lavished.crisper

Meet time(s): All Teams 14:00

Campsite Acc: Great Tower Scout Camp, Birks Road, Newby Bridge, Cumbria. LA23 3PQ

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Day 1 Tuesday 1 September, 2026

Campsite 1: Low Wray Campsite, Low Wray, AMBLESIDE, Cumbria, LA22 0JA

What3Words: ///against.gradually.community

Day 2 Wednesday 2 September, 2026

Campsite 2: Sykeside Camping Park and Brotherswater Inn, Brotherswater, Patterdale, Cumbria CA11 0NZ

What3Words: ///view.imparts.flattens

Pick up time(s): All Teams

Day 3 Thursday 3 September, 2026

Campsite 2: Waterside House Campsite Howtown Road Pooley Bridge Penrith Cumbria CA10 2NA

What3Words: ///gourmet.routine.unleashed

Day 4 Friday 4 September, 2026

End point: Glencoyne Car Park, Glencoyne Bridge, Penrith CA11 0NQ

Google maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/fKMJhwZ5p9yqxhX96>

What3Words: ///lectured.winks.adopting

Pick up time(s): All Teams 15:00

Ocean Rock Contact information- 07816 522 646

STRS Contact information for Mrs Rigby-Smith- Email for the duration of the expedition- cer@strs.org.uk and 01452 338 400 from Tuesday 1st September 2026.

This will be monitored throughout the trip. Please be aware Mrs Rigby-Smith will not be attending the expedition due to the start of term but she can contact the provider for you directly if necessary.

First Night Food

The Ocean Rock team have passed on that having fish and chips on the first night will not be possible due to accessibility issues, as such, can you ensure your child has packed food for a meal for the evening.

Weather

Fortunately there are not any heatwaves forecast during the expedition period. However, there is rain forecast and as has been the case over the past few days these showers are predicted to be quite heavy. Please can you remind your child that it is a Duke of Edinburgh requirement to pack waterproofs and to ensure all the clothing is appropriately protected in their rucksack as the high vis covers typically included on rucksacks are not for water protection.

Safety Briefing

Despite the rain, the ground is still very dry. Please, remind your child to review the Safety booklet I gave them at the Safety briefing, see attached. This briefing was delivered by myself at the end of term to all Gold participants and focused on the risks of wildfires and entering open water when not participating in the Paddle element of the expedition. I have made it clear to the students and Ocean Rock that if they witness/have reports of any student being irresponsible with fire or around open water they have my full support to remove the student from the expedition immediately. This is to ensure the safety of themselves and others.

eDofE Sections

At this point, your child may have completed three sections 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, Skill or Residential)
- Timescale

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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