



**YOUTH
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LIMITS**

BRONZE TRAINING EXPEDITION – Saturday 25th April 2026

BRONZE ASSESSED EXPEDITION – Friday 26th & Saturday 27th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Bronze DofE Training Expedition will take place on **Saturday 25th April 2026**. This expedition is optional, as participants have already completed all compulsory expedition training through their REACH DofE sessions, which fulfils the DofE's required training framework.

We are offering this training expedition so that students have the opportunity to put their skills into practice before the assessed expedition in June. We understand that this date coincides with the Ten Tors weekend; if your child wishes to attend the Ten Tors event instead, they are welcome to do so.

On **Saturday 25th April**, students should arrive at the Sixth Form Centre ready to start at **9am**. **They will need to bring everything on the kit list and enough food for the day. We will be walking from school to Dartmoor during the day so students should wear appropriate kit and footwear (as per the kit list) for the day. Students can be collected at 4pm from the Sixth Form Centre.**

The **Bronze Assessed Expedition** will take place on **Friday 26th & Saturday 27th June 2026**. Students will begin the expedition at the usual school start time on the Friday. The finish location and camp venue are currently being finalised and will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Although the DofE does not require participants to have completed their Volunteering, Physical or Skills sections before the expedition, it is expected that all participants are making consistent and genuine progress in these areas. Therefore, any participant who has not engaged meaningfully with their sections, or who has made insufficient progress, **will not be invited to attend the assessed expedition in June**. This ensures students are completing a balanced DofE programme, as intended.

At South Dartmoor we believe The Duke of Edinburgh Award is so valuable to the all-round development of our students that we would like to encourage maximum participation. We have a stock of expedition kit should you need anything to enable the participant to take part. We will provide tents, camping stoves, cooking pans and survival bags. Please contact me on the email below if you wish to discuss this further.

The total cost for the training and qualifying expedition will be **£50** to cover group equipment, transport and accommodation fees. This is available to pay in Parent Pay, but please do let me know if there are any issues with this. If you have a free Pupil Premium place then this cost is covered as part of your funding. **Payment should be made by 8th March 2026.**

Please encourage your child to ensure their eDofE evidence and assessor reports are up to date, so the award can be signed off promptly following successful completion of the assessed expedition.



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If your child needs to borrow any school kit (rucksacks, boots, sleeping bags, wet weather gear, etc.), please let us know as early as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at:
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Kind regards,

Mr. D. Stokes & Mr. J. Gilson

Duke of Edinburgh Managers



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