

Our Ref: JP/EH

14th March 2025



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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Dates

We are pleased to inform you that the dates for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition dates have been confirmed, and the details are below:

Date:	Expedition Type	Time:	Venue:
Friday 6 th June - Saturday 7 th June 2025	One-night practice expedition	Depart school on 6 th June: 8:00am Arrive back to school on 7 th June: 4:00pm (approx.)	Cannock Chase
Thursday 19 th June – Saturday 21 st June 2025	Two night assessed expedition	Depart school on 19 th June: 8:00am Arrive back to school on 21 st June: 4:00pm (approx.)	Clent Hills

These expeditions form an essential part of your child's DofE Silver Award and will allow them to demonstrate their skills in teamwork, navigation, and outdoor survival. Pupils will travel from Wednesfield Academy to the expedition venue via school minibus or hired coach.

For pupils to be eligible to attend the expeditions, they must have completed two out of their three sections (Physical, Volunteering, Skills) on eDofE. If these have not been completed, then pupils will be unable to attend.

- **What to Expect:** The expedition will involve students hiking in groups, navigating through natural terrain, and camping overnight. Pupils will need to demonstrate their ability to work as a team, manage their time effectively, and complete their planned route with minimal supervision. It is a great opportunity for personal growth and the development of key skills.
- **Required Equipment:** A detailed packing list is attached with this letter to ensure all pupils are adequately prepared for the expedition. Pupils will need to bring appropriate clothing for outdoor activities, including comfortable walking shoes, waterproof gear, basic camping equipment (sleeping bag, roll mat, torch) and food.
- **Health and Safety:** We will have qualified DofE leaders and support staff in the local area at all times, but pupils will be unsupervised during the daytime walks.
- Please complete the consent and medical form below and return it to the school office by Wednesday 9th April 2025.



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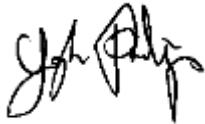


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If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact Ms Hanson (Assistant Headteacher) on 01902 558222 or email postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk. We are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding experience for all the students involved. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child achieve success in their Duke of Edinburgh's Award journey. Please indicate on the form below if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and you would like the school to supply food for your child for their expedition. Please note, your child would still be responsible for taking all their fluids.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Phillips
Headteacher

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Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

I give permission for my child to attend the expeditions on **Friday 6th June 2025 - Saturday 7th June 2025** and **Thursday 19th June 2025 – Saturday 21st June 2025**.

Pupil Name: _____ **Form:** _____

- I understand that if my child has not completed two out of three sections of the award on eDofE then they will be unable to attend the expeditions.
- I understand that I need to make arrangements for my child to be collected from Wednesfield Academy at approx. 4.00pm on the return dates of each expedition.

Parent/Carer Name: _____ (Please Print)

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

My child is in receipt of Free School Meals and I would like them to be given their food for the expedition. I understand that there may be a limited choice of what they can eat as it will be camping food, and it is their responsibility to check the food labels if they have an allergy.

Yes/No*

*Please delete as appropriate

Please return this form to reception for the attention of Ms Hanson by Wednesday, 9th April 2025.



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