

Our Ref JP/EH/KD/RMO

15<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Dear Parent/Carer

Wednesfield Academy  
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### **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition Dates 2026**

I am delighted to share with your child the dates for the practise expedition at Sutton Park and assessed expedition at Cannock Chase to complete the Wednesfield Academy Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award 2026 expedition section. Prior to completing these, attendance to after school sessions will be continued monitored to ensure pupils are fully trained for their assessed expedition. Additionally, pupils must have completed a minimum of two sections prior to their assessed expedition, either from their volunteering, skills or physical section which is continuously monitored.

### **The dates for the Practise Expedition and the Assessed Expedition are as followed:**

Date	Expedition Type	Time	Venue
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	One day Bronze DofE Practise Expedition	Depart school on Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May at 08:30am, arrive back to school for 16:00pm (approx)	Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, West Midlands
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June - Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Two-days and one-night Bronze DofE Assessed Expedition	Depart school on Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June at 08:30am, arrive back to school on Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June for 16:00pm (approx)	Cannock Chase, Cannock, Staffordshire, West Midlands

The practise expedition will take place at Sutton Park, a large urban park in Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. The purpose of this for the Bronze DofE Award is to ensure pupils apply skills and knowledge learned from their after-school training sessions into a practical setting using navigational skills and physical training through walking prior to their assessed expedition.

The assessed expedition will start from Cannock Chase and will finish at Lichfield Cathedral where pupils must use navigational skills, teamwork and their physical ability to complete the recommended number of hours of planned activity, which is 6 hours. Pupils will camp overnight at the Beaudesert Campsite in Cannock Chase.

As stated previously, pupils will be provided with tents, maps which will have their planned route on, as well as cooking equipment. Pupils will be provided a recommended kit list prior to the expedition where they will be required to have walking boots, sleeping bag and roll mat, a large 65L rucksack, expedition clothing and food. If you are unable to purchase an item of appropriate clothing, walking boots, sleeping bag or an appropriately sized rucksack, please inform Mr Dunn (DofE Lead), as we do have a limited amount of spare kit, which can be lent to the pupils under certain circumstances. This must be discussed with Mr Dunn prior to the expedition.

Should you have any queries, please contact Mrs Hanson (Assistant Headteacher) on 01902 558222 or email [postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk](mailto:postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk).

Please complete the attached consent form and return to reception by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026. In the unlikely event that a child's behaviour does not match expectations, or they are not following the Duke of Edinburgh Award guidelines, then parents/carers will need to collect their child.

We are looking forward to seeing your child's progress with their Bronze DofE Award over the next few months.

Yours faithfully



Mr Phillips  
Headteacher

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**Consent Form**  
**Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award**

Pupil Name: ..... Form: .....

I give permission for my child to attend the one-day practise expedition on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at Sutton Park and the one-night assessed expedition at Cannock Chase on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

- ☐ I understand that I need to make arrangements for my child to be collected from Wednesfield Academy at approximately 16:00pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June.
- ☐ My child is in receipt for Free School Meals, and I would like my child to be provided food for the expedition.

Parent/Carer Signature: ..... Date: .....

**Return to reception no later than Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**