

Our Ref JP/EH/KD/RMO

15<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Dear Parent/Carer

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

I am delighted to share with your child the dates for the practise expedition at Cannock Chase and assessed expedition in the Lickey Hills to complete the Wednesfield Academy Silver 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 made significant progress towards their volunteering, skills or physical section prior to attending the expedition which is continuously monitored.

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

Date	Expedition Type	Time	Venue
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June, Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Three-days and two-nights Silver DofE Practise expedition	Depart school on Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 08:30am, arrive back to school on Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June for 16:00pm (approx)	Cannock Chase, Cannock, Staffordshire, West Midlands
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July, Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July and Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026	Three-days and two-nights Silver DofE Assessed expedition	Depart school on Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July at 15:00pm, arrive back to School on Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July at 16:00pm (approx)	Lickey Hills, Rednal Birmingham, West Midlands

The practise 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 7 hours. Pupils will camp overnight at the Beaudesert campsite in Cannock Chase.

The assessed expedition will take place in the Lickey Hills, a country park near Birmingham, West Midlands that offers scenic views, walking trails and diverse wildlife. Pupils must complete the recommended number of hours of planned activity, which is 7 hours. Pupils will camp for two nights at the Blackwell Adventure campsite in Bromsgrove.

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**  
**Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award**

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

I give permission for my child to attend the Two-day overnight practise expedition on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at Cannock Chase and the Two-day overnight assessed expedition on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 at Lickey Hills.

- I understand that if my child has not made significant progress towards their eDofE sections (Skills, Volunteering and Physical) they will not be able to attend either expedition.
- I understand that I need to make arrangements for my child to be collected from Wednesfield Academy at approximately 16:00pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June from the practise expedition and then Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from the assessed expedition.
- My child is in receipt of Free School Meals, and I would like my child to be provided food for the expedition. (please tick as appropriate)

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

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