



**Is DofE Right
For Me?**

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What is DofE?

- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) offers a chance to challenge yourself, contribute to your community, and enjoy transformative experiences.
- DofE consists of three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold, with each award presenting progressively greater challenges.
- Each award is split into 4 sections, 5 at Gold. Each section must be completed to achieve the award.
- Committing to DofE requires time, patience, and resilience to successfully achieve your goals.
- Successfully completing DofE at any level is a great accomplishment which is recognised internationally.



The Awards

Bronze



Silver



Gold

Age 14+ (or year 9)

At least 6 months

Age 15+ (or year 10)

At least 6 months

Age 16+

At least 12 months

It is possible to go directly to the Silver and Gold awards however this does have implications to the timescales above. Please click [Here](#) to find out more.

Award Timescales & Prices

In the case of Silver or Gold direct, these timescales will be different, click [Here](#) to find out more.

Additional information regarding pricing can be found in the [FAQs](#) section.

In year 11 and interested in doing Gold but worried about the commitment during your GSCE year? Get in touch and we can go through your options!

£268* Bronze				
Volunteering 3 Months	Physical 3 Months	Skills 3 Months	Expedition 2 Days / 1 Night	
Plus an additional 3 months in either the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section				
£369* Silver £469*(Direct)				
Volunteering 6 Months	Physical 3 or 6 Months	Skills 3 or 6 Months	Expedition 3 Days / 2 Nights	
Physical & Skills sections: one section for 3 months, the other for 6 months (Your choice!)				
£457* Gold £557*(Direct)				
Volunteering 12 Months	Physical 6 or 12 Months	Skills 6 or 12 Months	Expedition 4 Days / 3 Nights	Residential 5 Days/4 Nights
Physical & Skills sections: one section for 6 months the other for 12 (Your choice!)				

*To be paid in 3 instalments (4 for Silver/Gold direct) including deposit via ParentPay.

Who are C I Adventures?

- An outdoor education activity centre established in 2008 and based in Halifax.
- An Approved Activity Provider (AAP) with over 15 years of experience .
- All of our qualified instructors are passionate about the great outdoors.





The Volunteering Section

- A chance to give back to your community and make a positive impact.
- Usually this is done over 1 hour each week but can be condensed into 2 hours each fortnight.
- Be sure to choose a cause meaningful to you.

Examples:

Litter picking, assisting children's clubs, tree planting, online tutoring, community outreach, community projects, help out at a nature reserve

For more inspiration [Click Here](#).

The Physical Section

- Any activity which requires a sustained level of energy and physical activity.
- Make sure you choose something that will keep your interest for the duration.
- 1 hour each week.

Examples:

Football, dance, climbing, running, swimming, cycling, walking, hockey, rugby, tennis, badminton, squash, horse riding

For more inspiration [Click Here](#).





The Skills Section

- A chance to discover new passions and develop talents you didn't know you had.
- This can be any activity that is NOT physical, but requires skill.
- 1 hour each week.

Examples:

Cooking, playing an instrument, gardening, painting, writing, knitting, woodwork, pottery, vlogging

For more inspiration, please [Click Here](#).

The Expedition Section

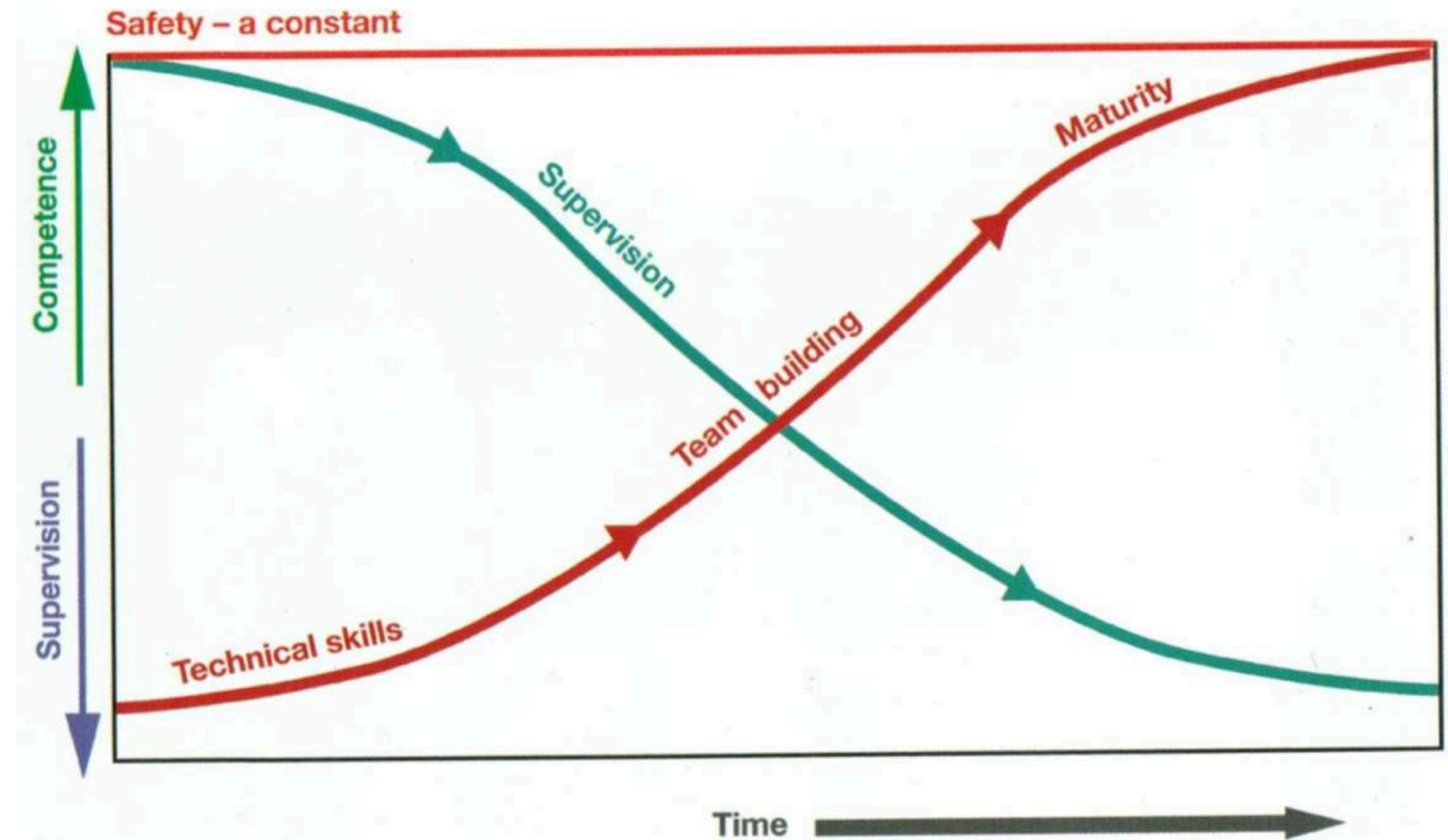
- Explore the Great Outdoors.
- Spend a night (or more!) away from home.
- Create lasting memories.

You will have to complete the relevant training before you go on your Assessed Expedition. This will be a mix of e-learning and in person training. Silver and Gold participants will also go on a Practice Expedition (3 days, 2 nights).



Remote Supervision Explained

- You will have an independent, self-sufficient experience which is part of the expedition requirements.
- Our instructors will always be close by to intervene/assist if necessary.
- As you progress through training and the awards, the amount of supervision required should decrease.



Please note - One or two students from each team will be asked to share their mobile number with their Assessor, this will only ever be used on expedition to help ensure the safety of participants. All participant phone number will be deleted during team debrief.

Our DofE Phone Policy

During Training: Phones are permitted but **MUST** remain packed away unless expressly stated otherwise by instructors.

During Expedition: Phones are permitted but **MUST** remain packed away and turned off unless expressly stated otherwise by Assessors.



While phones are useful for emergencies and documenting experiences, they can be distracting. Staying connected with the outside world can hinder full immersion in the expedition and contradict the expedition aims and requirements. Further clarification on permitted phone use will be provided in the Welcome Pack and on the training weekend.



The Residential Section

- Only applicable for the Gold award.
- 5 days / 4 nights.
- Embrace new experiences and make lasting friendships.

For inspiration [Click Here](#)

If you'd like to see what organised opportunities are currently available you can check the opportunity finder [Here](#).

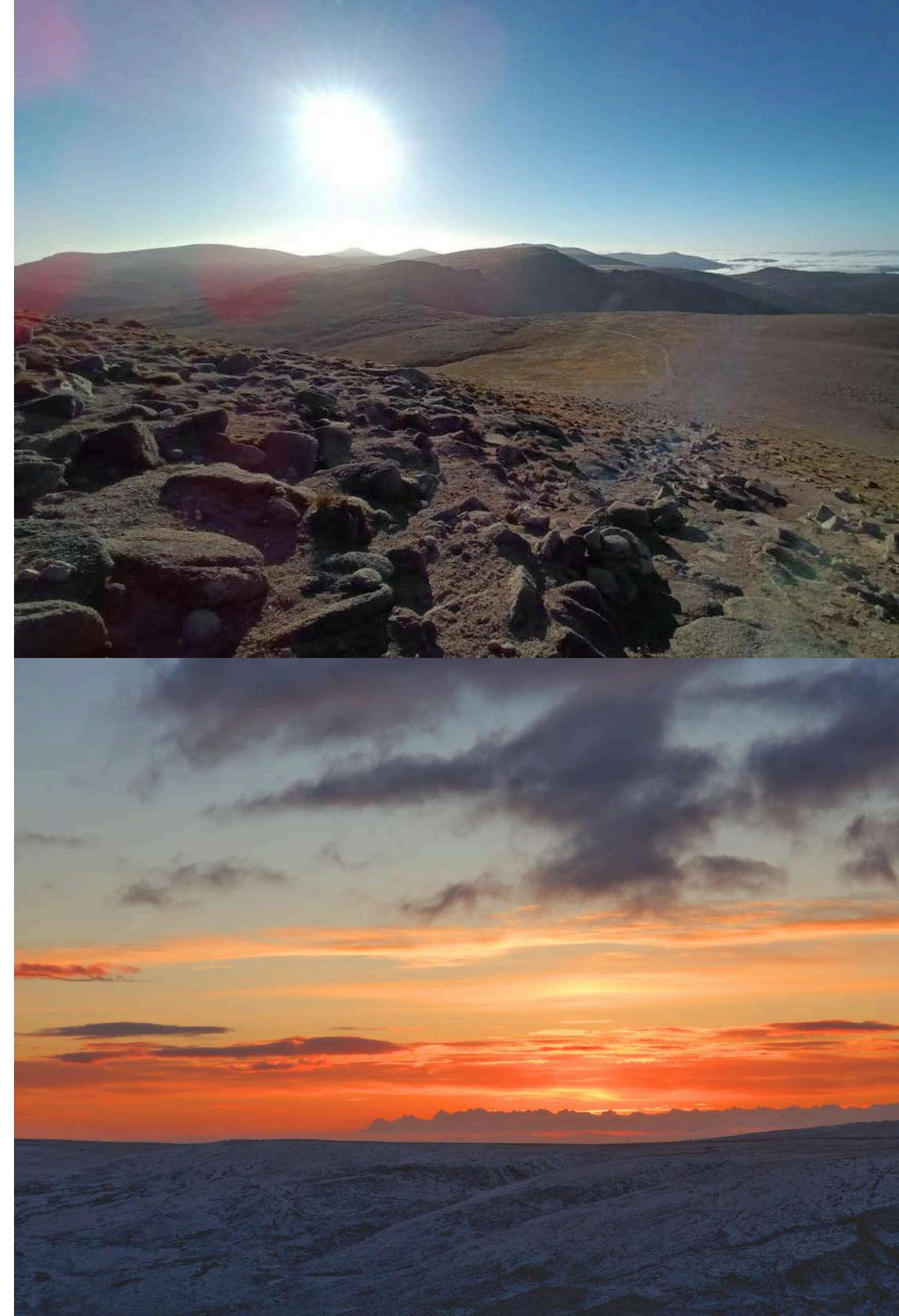


What will be expected of you

- You will be required to agree to and sign a code of behaviour.
- To behave in the spirit of DofE throughout the award.
- Attend all compulsory sessions (eDofE, training weekends etc.)
- Complete all e-learning sent to you, this is part of your training and an expedition requirement.
- Be pro-active. This is your award and you are encouraged to take ownership of it.

What you can expect from us

- Support and encouragement throughout your DofE award.
- Full and comprehensive training for the Expedition Section of your award, delivered by our experienced, enthusiastic instructors.
- eDofE sessions for all awards as well as route planning sessions for Silver & Gold.



Key Dates

Bronze One			
Session	Date	Time	Location
eDofE (Compulsory)	05-02-26	15.15 - 17.30	School
Training Weekend	07-03-26 08-03-26	09.15-16.00 09.15-15.00	The Boiler House
Assessed Expedition	02-05-26 03-05-26	Aprox 09.30	Drop Off @ Mytholmroyd Community Centre
eDofE (Voluntary)	09-07-26	15.15 - 16.30 (Drop In)	School

Bronze Two			
Session	Date	Time	Location
eDofE (Compulsory)	12-02-26	15.15 - 17.30	School
Training Weekend	14-03-26 15-03-26	09.00-16.00 09.00-15.00	The Boiler House
Assessed Expedition	16-05-26 17-05-26	Aprox 09.30	Drop Off @ Mytholmroyd Community Centre
eDofE (Voluntary)	09-07-26	15.15 - 16.30 (Drop In)	School

Bronze Three			
Session	Date	Time	Location
eDofE (Compulsory)	26-02-26	15.15 - 17.30	School
Training Weekend	28-03-26 29-03-26	09.00-16.00 09.00-15.00	The Boiler House
Assessed Expedition	20-06-26 21-06-26	Aprox 09.30	Drop Off @ Mytholmroyd Community Centre
eDofE (Voluntary)	09-07-26	15.15 - 16.30 (Drop In)	School

Bronze Four			
Session	Date	Time	Location
eDofE (Compulsory)	12-03-26	15.15 - 17.30	School
Training Weekend	25-04-26 26-04-26	09.15-16.00 09.15-15.00	The Boiler House
Assessed Expedition	04-07-26 05-07-26	Aprox 09.30	Drop Off @ Mytholmroyd Community Centre
eDofE (Voluntary)	09-07-26	15.15 - 16.30 (Drop In)	School

Prospective Bronze award participants: Please make sure you complete the correct enrolment form to ensure you are part of your chosen group, there is a strict cap on the number of participants each group can accommodate.

Register early to avoid disappointment.

Silver			
Session	Date	Time	Location
eDofE	26-03-26	15.15 - 17.30	School
Practise Expedition	11-04-26 to 13-04-26	Aprox 09.30	Yorkshire Dales (Meeting point TBC)
eDofE (Route Planning)	07-05-26	15.15 - 17.30	School
Assessed Expedition	26-06-26 to 28-06-26	Aprox 09.30	Yorkshire Dales
eDofE (Presentation)	02-07-26	15.15 - 17.30	School

Gold			
Session	Date	Time	Location
eDofE	26-03-26	15.15 -17.30	School
Practise Expedition	11-04-26 to 13-04-26	Aprox 09.30	Yorkshire Dales (Meeting point TBC)
eDofE (Route Planning)	30-04-26	15.15 - 17.30	Yorkshire Dales (Meeting point TBC)
Assessed Expedition	24-05-26 to 27-05-26	TBC	TBC
eDofE (Presentation)	11-06-26	15.15 - 17.30	School

Important (Gold award only) - If these dates don't suit you and you have a team already, please get in touch and we can discuss alternative dates. We can also facilitate delaying the Practice and Assessed Expeditions until after the exam season.



Additional Important Dates			
Session/Event	Date	Time	Location
E-Learning Goes Live	03-02-26	N/A	N/A
eDofE (Drop In) All Groups	09-07-26	15.15-16.3	School
Lunchtime Q&A Session	TBC	During Lunch (Drop In)	School (Auditorium)

The enrolment forms will go live on the **15/12/26**

You will find the forms in the Crossley Heath DofE Hub 2026 ([Click Here](#)).

Deadline for registration: **16/01/26**

Remember - Be sure to complete the correct enrolment form to ensure you are part of your preferred group.

In Conclusion

Hopefully we've now answered the question 'Is DofE right for me?' because the answer is yes! DofE is right for anyone who is willing to put in the effort. We know that it can seem a little daunting but you are probably already doing things that count towards the award.

If you are interested in taking up DofE but are worried about something in particular please get in touch. The DofE scheme is very inclusive and therefore can be flexible. Our contact details can be found in the FAQs.

We will be running a DofE Drop In session for prospective participants before the enrolment deadline. This session will take place during the school lunch break and is a great opportunity for students to ask any questions. Please look out for further communication with the details.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: I've decided I would like to do DofE, what happens next?

A: Once you've decided to take part you can register using the links on the key dates section, make sure you follow the correct link to ensure you're added to your chosen groups. Once you have registered you will need to go onto ParentPay and pay the non-refundable deposit.

Q: I've looked into it and I would like to do Silver (or Gold) direct. How much will it cost?

A: Direct Silver costs £469 and Direct Gold costs £557. Please be advised you will be required to attend one of the Bronze training weekends in addition to the regular Silver or Gold sessions.

Q: Can I pick my own team for the Expedition Section?

A: Yes! However please be aware that all of your chosen team should be in the same group (See key dates section for dates). Teams need to have between four and seven members and it's a good idea to talk to your prospective team and make sure you're all looking to get the same things from the experience.

Q: What happens if I have to cancel?

A: If you have to cancel your enrolment for any reason we may be able to offer a partial refund depending on when the cancellation is requested. As stated previously the deposit is non-refundable. For our full cancellation policy please click [Here](#).

Q: I'm worried about the phone policy, will I be able to take photos during the expedition?

A: As stated previously we will clarify further what we consider to be reasonable use, but the short answer is yes, you can take photos! Our phone policy is in place to enhance the expedition and encourage team participation while still recognising phones can be a useful asset in an emergency.

Q: What will I have to pay and when?

A: Please see the below table for the payment schedule.

Bronze: £268

Silver: £369

Silver Direct: £469

Gold: £457

Gold Direct: £557

	Non-Refundable Deposit* by 20.01.26	1st Payment 27.02.2026	2nd Payment 27.03.2026	Only applicable to Direct participants 30.04.2026
Bronze	£70	£98	£100	N/A
Silver	£90	£142	£137	£100
Gold	£100	£181	£176	£100

*This includes a mandatory registration fee which goes directly to the DofE charity.

Q: Will I have to spend a lot of money on equipment for the Expedition?

A: No, there are a lot of affordable options when it comes to getting kitted out for the Expedition. For example you don't actually need to buy anything if you don't want to, you can hire all the personal equipment you'll need directly from us. There are also a lot of options for purchasing equipment to suit a range of budgets which will be discussed further in the welcome pack.

Q: How can I get in touch with C I Adventures?

A: Our instructors are often out on session therefore the best way to get in touch is via e-mail.

E-Mail: dofe@ciadventures.com

Tel: 01422410727

Address: The Boiler House, Boys Lane, Shaw Lodge Mills, Halifax, HX3 9ET

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price Per Day</u>
Walking Boots	£3.00
Waterproof Trousers	£2.00
Waterproof Coat	£2.00
Hat & Gloves	£2.00
Sleeping Mat	£2.00
Sleeping Bag	£5.00
Expedition/Day Rucksack	£2.00

Useful Links:

[The DofE Website](#) - A great place to find lots of useful information and inspiration.

[The C I Adventures Website](#) - Find out more about us and what we do.

[The Official DofE YouTube Page](#) - A fantastic source of inspiration as well as informative videos.