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	Age 14+ (or year 9)	At least 6 months
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Silver	Age 15+ (or year 10)	At least 6 months
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Gold	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!

£274* Bronze

Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition
3 Months	3 Months	3 Months	2 Days / 1 Night

Plus an additional 3 months in either the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section

£375* Silver £475*(Direct)

Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition
6 Months	3 or 6 Months	3 or 6 Months	3 Days / 2 Nights

Physical & Skills sections: one section for 3 months, the other for 6 months (Your choice!)

£463* Gold £563*(Direct)

Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition	Residential
12 Months	6 or 12 Months	6 or 12 Months	4 Days / 3 Nights	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.





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









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

The Expedition Section

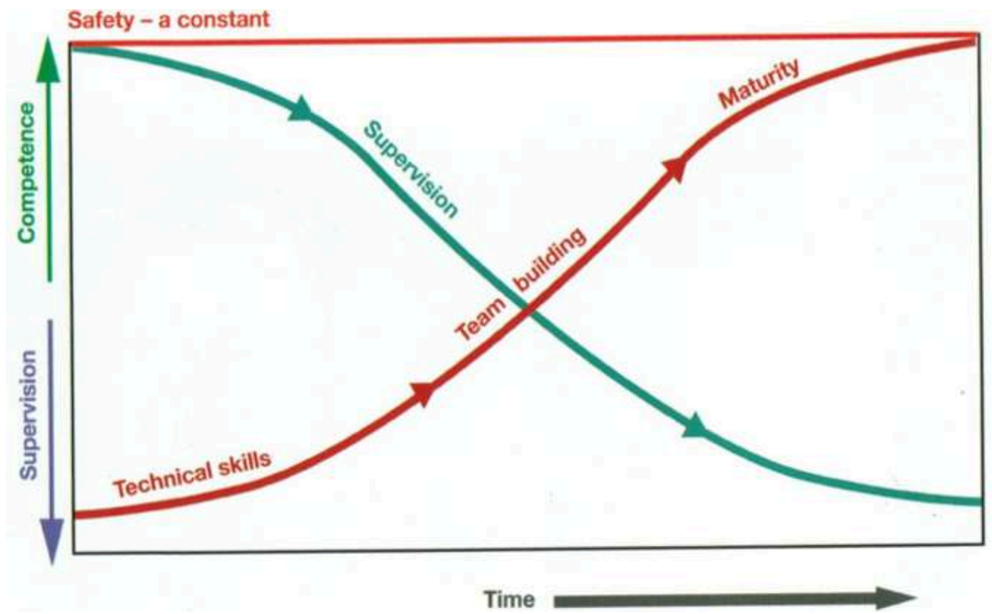
- Explore the Great Outdoors.
- Spend a night (or more!) away from home.
- Create lasting memories.
- Delivered by C I Adventures.

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



- During your assessed expedition you will have an independent, self-sufficient experience which is part of the expedition requirements.
- 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 Supervisor, this will only ever be used on expedition to help ensure the safety of participants. All participant phone number will be deleted after the expedition.

C I Adventures' 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 Expedition 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 more info 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 from C I Adventures.
- 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.

Key Dates

Bronze One			
Session	Date	Time	Location
eDofE (Compulsory)	02-02-27	15.15 - 17.00	School
Expedition Training Weekend	06-03-27 07-03-27	09.15-16.00 09.15-15.00	The Boiler House
Assessed Expedition	17-04-27 18-04-27	Aprox 09.30	Drop Off @ Mytholmroyd Community Centre

Bronze Two			
Session	Date	Time	Location
eDofE (Compulsory)	09-02-27	15.15 - 17.00	School
Expedition Training Weekend	13-03-27 14-03-27	09.00-16.00 09.00-15.00	The Boiler House
Assessed Expedition	01-05-27 02-05-27	Aprox 09.30	Drop Off @ Mytholmroyd Community Centre

Enrol Here from the 7th of December

Bronze Three			
Session	Date	Time	Location
eDofE (Compulsory)	23-02-27	15.15 - 17.00	School
Training Weekend	08-05-27 09-05-27	09.00-16.00 09.00-15.00	The Boiler House
Assessed Expedition	19-06-27 20-06-27	Aprox 09.30	Drop Off @ Mytholmroyd Community Centre

Bronze Four			
Session	Date	Time	Location
eDofE (Compulsory)	25-02-27	15.15 - 17.00	School
Training Weekend	15-05-27 16-05-27	09.15-16.00 09.15-15.00	The Boiler House
Assessed Expedition	26-06-27 27-06-27	Aprox 09.30	Drop Off @ Mytholmroyd Community Centre

Prospective Bronze award participants: If you would like to be in an expedition team with your friends, please ensure you all enroll into the same group. Expedition teams must be comprised of 4-7 participants. Please note that if you do not arrive at the first eDofE session with a full team of 7 you may be required to combine with another smaller team.

Silver			
Session	Date	Time	Location
eDofE	02-03-27	15.15 - 17.00	School
Practise Expedition	09-04-27 to 11-04-27	Aprox 09.30	Yorkshire Dales (Meeting point TBC)
Expedition Planning Session	20-04-27	15.15 - 17.00	School
Expedition Planning Session	04-05-27	15.15 - 17.00	School
Assessed Expedition	29-05-27 to 31-05-27	Aprox 09.30	Yorkshire Dales
eDofE (Presentation)	08-06-27	15.15 - 17.00	School

Gold			
Session	Date	Time	Location
eDofE	02-03-27	15.15 -17.00	School
Practise Expedition	09-04-27 to 11-04-27	Aprox 09.30	Yorkshire Dales (Meeting point TBC)
Expedition Planning Session	20-04-27	15.15 - 17.00	Yorkshire Dales (Meeting point TBC)
Expedition Planning Session	04-05-27	15.15 - 17.00	School
Assessed Expedition	03-06-27 to 06-06-27	TBC	TBC
eDofE (Presentation)	22-06-27	15.15 - 17.00	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.

How to enrol:

Choose your group

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Follow the link to the Crossley Heath DofE Expedition Hub (below)

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Select and fill out the correct enrolment form

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ParentPay will be made available to you 48hrs after filling out the enrolment form to pay the deposit and following payments as per the payment schedule (Found in the FAQs)

Enrol Here from the 7th of December

Remember - Be sure to complete the correct enrolment form to ensure you are part of your preferred group. There are a maximum of 28 places in each group, book early to avoid dissapointment.

Deadline for registration: **15/01/27**

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 looking to take on a new challenge and is willing to put in the effort.

For a lot of participants, doing their DofE award is a highlight of their school career and a huge source of pride.

Need more convincing? To hear from students who have already done their Bronze DofE Award, Click Here.





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 enrol using the links on the Key Dates section, make sure you follow the correct link to ensure you're added to your chosen group. Once you have registered you will need to go onto ParentPay and pay the non-refundable deposit.
Enrol Here from the 7th of December.

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 £475 and Direct Gold costs £563. 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: I have a medical condition which could impact my ability to complete the Expedition section, can I still take part?

A: Yes! The DofE award is incredibly accessible and special dispensations can be made to suit individual needs. If you have a medical condition you are concerned will hinder you during the expedition section, get in touch with C I Adventures (details in FAQs) to discuss this further as each person is different and will need varying levels of support.

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 C I Adventures may be able to offer a partial refund depending on when the cancellation is requested. As stated previously the deposit is non-refundable. For C I Adventures' 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 C I Adventures will clarify further what they consider to be reasonable use, but the short answer is yes, you can take photos! C I Adventures 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: £274 Silver: £375 Silver Direct: £475 Gold: £463 Gold Direct: £563

	Non-Refundable Deposit* by 29.01.27	1st Payment 26.02.2027	2nd Payment 25.03.2027	Only applicable to Direct participants 23.04.2027
Bronze	£70	£102	£102	N/A
Silver	£90	£142	£143	£100
Gold	£100	£181	£182	£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 C I Adventures. There are also a lot of options for purchasing equipment to suit a range of budgets which will be discussed further during training.

Q: I have questions about the expedition, how can I get in touch with C I Adventures?

A: C I Adventures is a busy outdoor provider who are often out and about on sessions, the best way to get in touch with them is via e-mail.

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Tel: 01422410727
Address: The Boiler House, Boys Lane, Shaw Lodge Mills, Halifax, HX3 9ET

Item	Price Per Day
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