



CHASE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

We are pleased to share the confirmed dates and locations for this year's Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions. These expeditions form an essential part of the DofE programme, giving participants the opportunity to develop independence, teamwork, resilience, and outdoor skills.

Please find the full schedule below:

Expedition 1 – Bronze Award (Practice Expedition)

Dates: *May 8–9 (Friday–Saturday)*

Location: *Essex Outdoors Danbury*

This practice expedition will introduce Bronze participants to the expectations of the assessed journey, providing essential experience in navigation, campcraft, and group organisation.

Expedition 2 – Bronze & Silver Awards

Bronze Award: *Qualifying Expedition*

Silver Award: *Practice Expedition*

Dates: *May 21–23 (Thursday–Saturday)*

Location: *Skreens Park Activity Centre*

Bronze Award participants will complete their qualifying expedition, while Silver participants will undertake their practice expedition in preparation for their assessed journey.

Expedition 3 – Silver Award (Qualifying Expedition)

Dates: *June 4–6 (Thursday–Saturday)*

Location: *Rushbanks Farm Caravan & Camping Site*

This qualifying expedition is the final assessed component of the Silver Award programme. Participants will be evaluated on navigation, teamwork, self-sufficiency, route planning, and safe expedition conduct.



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Further details regarding kit, timings, route plans, and training sessions will be provided in the coming weeks. We kindly ask that parents support students in preparing for these expeditions by ensuring they attend all training sessions and gather the required equipment ahead of time.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact the DofE team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please can you confirm your child's involvement in this event by Monday 4 May 2026 using the online consent form.

Kind regards,

Mr Brian Krawetzke & Ms Stephanie Walker
DofE Manager & DofE Co-Ordinator



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