



Duke of Edinburgh Silver Foot/MTB KIT HIRE DEADLINE 5 APRIL

[Important Information for Parents PPT all Levels](#)

[Digital copies of the Welcome Packs - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](#)

Dear Parents

Following a very enjoyable training day last term we had an informative parents' evening from the expedition provider Ocean Rock. For those who could not attend please find the link to the recording attached.

[Parents Information Evening Recording](#)

Please find a copy of the PPT used on the evening attached. Be aware that the presentation was directed at Bronze, Silver and Gold level. As such the dates and locations across all expeditions are listed; however, I have copied them below for your child's relevant expedition level and type.

Summarised important information is below:

Saturday 5 April - Equipment Hire Deadline

This is hired online via their website: [Equipment Hire 2025](#) If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium and wishes to hire rucksacks etc. from Ocean Rock, please email me so that the school can organise hiring this on your behalf. It is imperative that if you wish to hire personal equipment from Ocean Rock, such as a rucksack, sleeping bag, sleep mat, waterproof rucksack liner, waterproof jacket or waterproof trousers, you order these online before the deadline. Any equipment your child has hired will be given to them at the start point.

Group Equipment that Ocean Rock supplies on the day of the Practice Expedition - Tent, Trangia Stoves, Maps (2 per group), Emergency Contact details.

Medical Consent Form

Please ensure you have completed the medical consent form at the latest two weeks before the practice expedition to avoid a late submission from Ocean Rock of £50+ VAT.

[Medical Consent Form 2025](#)

STRS Equipment available to loan

We do loan Rucksacks, Compasses and First Aid kits but we only have a limited amount. Please ask your child to email with their group a list of items they would like to loan. This equipment they will receive the week before their expedition. When collecting the equipment they must submit a cheque to 'STRS' as a deposit. We will inform them of the amount before going ahead with this. This cheque will not be cashed. It will be held until after they have completed their expedition and returned once all the loaned equipment has been returned in good order.

Dates to remember:

Transportation is by parental drop-off and pick-up.

Silver by Foot/MTB Practice Expedition

Saturday 3rd May 2025

Drop-off point: Aldbourne sports field, Marlborough, Wiltshire. SN8 2DF

What3Words : [proofs.outsmart.windy](#)

Meet time(s):

Teams 1-3: 09:00 – Teams 4-5: 09:30

Mountain Bikers (10:00)

Monday 5th May 2025

Pick-up point: Barbury Castle car park, Wroughton, Swindon. SN4 0QH

What3Words : gives.placed.tonic

Meet time(s):

All groups: Foot + MTB - 14:00

Silver Foot/MTB- Qualifying Expedition

Friday 27th June 2025

Drop-off point: Scutchamer Knob Car Park, East Hendred, Wantage OX12 8LW

What3Words: ///situation.hike.actors

Meet time(s):

Teams 1-4 10:00, Teams 5-7 10:30

Mountain Bikers (11:00)

Sunday 29th June 2025

Pick-up point: Uffington White Horse National Trust car park, Woolstone, Faringdon. Uffington, Oxfordshire, SN7 7UK

What3Words: bond.albatross.barman

Pickup time(s):

Teams 1-4 13:00, Teams 5-7 13:30

Mountain Bikers (13:30)

Note: Address information is accurate with Google Maps. Due to the rural location of venues, postcodes alone will rarely be accurate. Please consider this when using SatNavs and check locations with Google Maps before.

Teams

If students have any queries about their teams please ask them to come and speak to me in G3 or F1.

Finance

At this stage, all finance towards the expedition should have been paid. The finance department will contact anyone with an outstanding instalment payment, shortly.

eDofE Sections

At this point, your child should have completed at least one section of their award and all sections should be in progress (If your child has not entered information on the eDofE app and submitted it for approval it will not be in progress- please get them to check). In order to get a section marked off as completed their assessor must submit an assessor's report. Their assessor will need the following information:

- ID number (this is on the eDofE account)
- Level of Award (Bronze, Silver or Gold)
- Section they are assessing (Volunteering, Physical or Skill)
- Timescale (3 months or 6 months at Bronze and Silver, 12 or potential 18 months at Gold)

They will need to submit their report via this link: [Assessor's Report - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](https://dofe.org/assessor-report)

Please remember parents/caregivers/relatives and under-18s cannot be assessors.

Hopefully, this will answer any questions you have but, as always, if you have any queries please email me (cer@strs.org.uk).

Best wishes

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