



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Mixed Mode Practice Expedition Reminder 2025

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

Dear Parents

Expedition season is upon us and shortly Year 12 will be completing the Mixed Mode Practice expedition. Please find the Parents Information Evening recording attached which talked through all levels expedition necessities for a reminder.

[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 (and may have been adjusted) the locations within the letter are correct as of 10/07/2025.

Summarised important information is below:

Sunday 13 July - Equipment Hire Deadline has been extended

If you need equipment, (especially 100 litre dry bag, please go through the equipment hire link as soon as possible). 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 deadline has passed

Please be aware that late submission from Ocean Rock of £50+ VAT. I am aware of two students who have yet to submit their medical form, if you are unsure please email me as soon as possible.

[Medical Consent Form 2025](#)

Dates to remember:

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

Gold by Mixed Mode Practice Expedition

Practice Expedition Transportation is by parental drop off and pick up.

Day 1- Monday 21st July 2025

Meet point: Parkwood Outdoors Dolygaer Pontsticill

Google Maps Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/6qxbmVJiP6EJ6gKW6>

What3words: ///mandolin.campers.stump

Meet time: 10:30

Campsite – Parkwood Outdoors Dolygaer Pontsticill

Day 2 –Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Campsite – Pencelli Castle Farm, Pencelli, Brecon LD3 7LX

Day 3- Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Campsite – Storey Arms Outdoor Education Centre, Libanus, Brecon LD3 8NL

Day 4 –Thursday 24th July 2025

End point: Beacons Reservoir, Brecon LD3 8SU

Google Maps Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/5CbRxyhfYKG1Pjer5>

What3words: ///bubble.shallower.sadly

Pick up time: 14:30

STRS Contact Number for Mrs Rigby-Smith- 07367 440 335

This will be monitored throughout the trip. Please be aware Mrs Rigby-Smith who will not be in the area continuously for the expedition due to multiple expeditions but will meet students at points and can contact the provider for you directly if necessary.

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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