



24 February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions
Navigation Training: Saturday 25 April (Reepham Area)
Assessed: Saturday 20 June & Sunday 21 June (Trimingham Area)

As part of your child's Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, they will be participating in the above assessed expedition, following the map skills and navigation training day.

Navigation Training Day

The day will involve walking a typical expedition day and receiving training on using a compass, map skills, navigation strategies and tips on following a route. Students are strongly advised to wear the clothing they plan on using during the expedition, particularly their footwear (providing that any new shoes have been 'bedded in') and waterproofs.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch along with sufficient snacks and water for the day. They will receive guidance on what foods are suitable for expedition, but a reminder of this information can be found in the DofE folder on Teams. This should be carried in a personal rucksack, along with any medication they may need and items specific for the weather conditions (eg. sun cream and sun hat).

To adhere to both DofE and school risk assessments, students must receive sufficient training to be permitted to participate in the expedition itself, therefore attendance at this event is mandatory.

For the training day, we will leave school at approximately 09:00 on the Saturday morning, meeting at school at 08:45, and return by approximately 16:00 in the afternoon.

Expedition

For the expedition, we will leave school at approximately 08:00 on the Saturday morning, meeting at school at 07:45, and return by approximately 16:00 on Sunday. The cost for the weekend will be £17.00. Students will be required to use lightweight gas canisters to cook their food on expedition. We are asking for a voluntary donation of £2 per student to help cover these costs, as gas canisters can be bought in bulk by the school at a cheaper price. If you choose not to pay this fee then the group will need to organise the purchase of their own gas canisters to use with the Trangias. Information about the types to buy will be shared as required.



If you wish your child to participate in the DofE bronze expedition, please complete the form below and make the payment via WisePay no later than **Thursday 26 March 2026**.

[DofE Expedition Form June 2026](#)

Please note that these costs are non-refundable except in the circumstance of an insurance claim for which we would need a doctor's letter confirming your child is unfit to travel.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H Reding". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Ms H Reding
DofE Manager