

16 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Expeditions 2026**

I am writing with the fantastic news that we are now finally getting the plans in place for your child to complete their Bronze DofE Expedition training and qualifying expeditions. We have been waiting for information on the date from when we are allowed for students to be on residential visits. The good news is that we can now get the expeditions completed this term and students will be able to complete their full Bronze Award.

The expedition will take place on the 27 and 28 March 2026. Students will be hiking, camping and practising vital skills such as teamwork, independence and navigation.

Students will need to meet the DofE assessor at 09:00 in Brighstone, the car park behind the Three Bishops.

*Three Bishops  
Main Rd  
Brighstone  
PO30 4AH*

They will then spend the day hiking, before camping at Camp Wight:

*Camp Wight  
Ningwood Hill  
Yarmouth  
PO41 0XP*

They will then spend their second day hiking, ending at Yarmouth Green on Saturday 28th March at approximately 16:00:

*Yarmouth Green  
Yarmouth  
PO41 0RB*

The cost of the expedition this year will be £10 per student. This will cover cooking gas, campsite fees, trip expenses, assessor fees and other administration costs. The payment should be made through the Arbor app.

**Students need to know that this is an ASSESSED expedition which means that they will be under assessment for the full 2 days.**

Other important information:

1. This is an Award and it is about teamwork, independence and leadership. Participants are not expected to rely on their parents to do their job. Please support them but don't do it for them. If they forget something, it's their problem to deal with.
2. Route cards must be completed by students by Monday 23 March. Most groups have nearly finished this.
3. Phone rules: One phone only can be turned on per group during the day to complete their aim. Any others can only be used for emergency situations and must not be in sight for most of the time. They must be turned off once in their tent. Social media should not be used during the expedition.
4. No other electronic items are allowed. No loudspeakers in the countryside – please don't bring them.
5. Participants may be sent home and fail the Award if their behaviour falls below the expectations of the Duke of Edinburgh Award and the school.
6. The kit list is on Google Classroom for all students to access. However, pupils have had small group training and should know what they need.
7. Any borrowed items need to be returned at the end of the trip.
8. There may be no showers available onsite, so please take this into consideration when packing. Bring your own toilet roll...just in case!
9. Bring a bag to put your dirty shoes in on the way home in case of rain and mud.
10. Students may not go into shops until the expedition is completed and they have been passed and directed by the Assessor and staff.
11. All teacher/instructor/assessor instructions must be followed by participants, or it will be deemed unsafe for that pupil to be there.
12. Any students who have not returned all their information about medical issues and consent forms etc. will not be allowed to travel.
13. Mr Pearce-Jones is our school contact for the expedition.

Many thanks for all your help and support with this brilliant initiative. We are really looking forward to seeing the students benefit from it.

If you have any further queries, please contact me: [hope.isaac@medina.iow.sch.uk](mailto:hope.isaac@medina.iow.sch.uk) .

Yours faithfully

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