

# Duke of Edinburgh's Award

## Gold Qualifying Expedition

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September (15:00) – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September (17:00)

# Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

- Come to school in own clothes
- Bring DofE kit for the weekend. Store at The front of The Lecture Theatre
- At 14:15, collect rucksacks and meet in The Hub
- 15:00 departure from Sixth Form by minibus
- 17:00 stop for tea at [Gateway Services](#)
- 18:00 overnight camp at [Llechrwyd Campsite](#)

## Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

- Navigate in Expedition groups from Maentwrog to [Cae Adda campsite](#) for an overnight camp.

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September

- Navigate in Expedition groups from Cae Adda to Llyn Cwm Bychan for a wild camp.

# Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September

- Navigate in Expedition groups from Cwm Bychan to [Rhaeadr Nantcol Waterfalls campsite](#) for an overnight camp.

# Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

- Navigate in Expedition groups from Rhaeadr Nantcol Waterfalls to finish points in either Harlech or Talsarnau.
- Return to Sixth Form by school minibus.

# Wild Camping



Good or bad?	
Camping next to a drystone wall	★
Camping under a tree	✗
Camping close to a water supply	✗
Camping on a hillside	★
Camping by a tarn side	✗
Camping in bracken	✗
Camping on the leeward side	★
All groups tents close together	✗
Leaving rubbish outside of your tent	✗

- Collect water from upstream of all habitation and don't drink untreated water from farmland with intensive livestock around
- Collect from a source of running water with a reasonable volume
- Boil the water before drinking or use sterilising tablets, solutions or filters
- Always wash vegetables and salads in boiled water
- Don't be casual about toilet functions – do it away from water sources and camping areas. See the Mountaineering Scotland advice leaflet on sanitation [Where to 'GO' in the Great Outdoors](#)
- <https://www.mountaineering.scot/safety-and-skills/health-and-hygiene/camping-hygiene>



# Ticks and Lyme Disease





The background is a solid green gradient, lighter at the top and darker at the bottom. It is decorated with numerous white butterfly silhouettes of various sizes and orientations, scattered across the entire frame.

Food

Kit

Weather

# Behaviour

- As this is a school trip all school policies and procedures will apply.
- You may bring a speaker for use at the campsites but you should not be listening to music when walking, with or without earphones.
- Banned items: e-cigs, cigarettes, drugs, alcohol.
- Follow the Countryside Code.

# Emergency Procedures

- You will be remotely supervised for much of this Qualifying weekend in areas where phone signal may be intermittent.
- Try to ring or text the school mobile number: **07391 750015**.
- Use your radios to make contact.
- Danger to life: contact emergency services. Essential that you are able to give an accurate location using a six figure grid reference.



## Human influence

Drystone walls  
Footpath erosion  
Quarrying  
Animal  
management  
Tourism Brochure

## Media

Video journal  
Advert  
Video Event  
Scrapbook  
DofE A-Z

## TV shows

Big Brother  
... Get me out of  
here  
Masterchef/Come  
Dine with Me  
Other  
gameshows

# **DofE Expedition Aim**

## History

Stately Homes  
History of the area

## Art

Sketching  
Painting  
Photography  
Textiles

## Other ideas

Olympic events  
Song/Karaoke