

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Gold Qualifying Expedition

Friday 12th September (15:00) – Tuesday 16th September (17:00)

Friday 12th September

- Come to school in own clothes
- Bring DofE kit for the weekend. Store neatly on The Balcony.
- At 14:15, collect rucksacks and meet in The Hub
- 14:45 departure from Sixth Form by coach
- 16:30 stop for tea at [Gateway Services](#)
- 18:30 overnight camp at [Llechrwyd Campsite](#)

Saturday 13th September

Group A (T1 and Seven Dwarves)

- Transport by minibus to start point at Talsarnau and navigate in Expedition groups to [Rhaeadr Nantcol Waterfalls campsite](#) for an overnight camp.

Group B (Dark Knight and Musketeers)

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

Sunday 14th September

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

Monday 15th September

Group A (T1 and Seven Dwarves)

- Wild camp to Cae Adda.

Group B (Dark Knight and Musketeers)

- Wild camp to Rhaeadr Nantcol.

Tuesday 16th September

Group A (T1 and Seven Dwarves)

- Cae Adda to finish point in Llan Festiniog.

Group B (Dark Knight and Musketeers)

- Rhaeadr Nantcol to finish point in Talsarnau.
- Return to Sixth Form by minibus.

Wild Camping

- 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





Food

Kit

Weather

Behaviour

- As this is a school trip all school policies and procedures will apply.
- You should not be listening to music when walking, with or without earphones. Speakers are an unnecessary item.
- 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 on 999. Essential that you are able to give an accurate location using a six figure grid reference.

OS Locate:



[Android](#) / [Apple](#)

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