

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Parent Information Evening

Furze Platt Senior School

Wednesday 24th September 2025



FURZE PLATT
SENIOR SCHOOL

AMBITIOUS

COLLABORATIVE

HAPPY

INTEGRITY

ENDURANCE

VERSATILITY

EXCELLENCE

What is the DofE?



Bronze
Age 14+/ Year 9



Silver
Age 15+/ Year 10

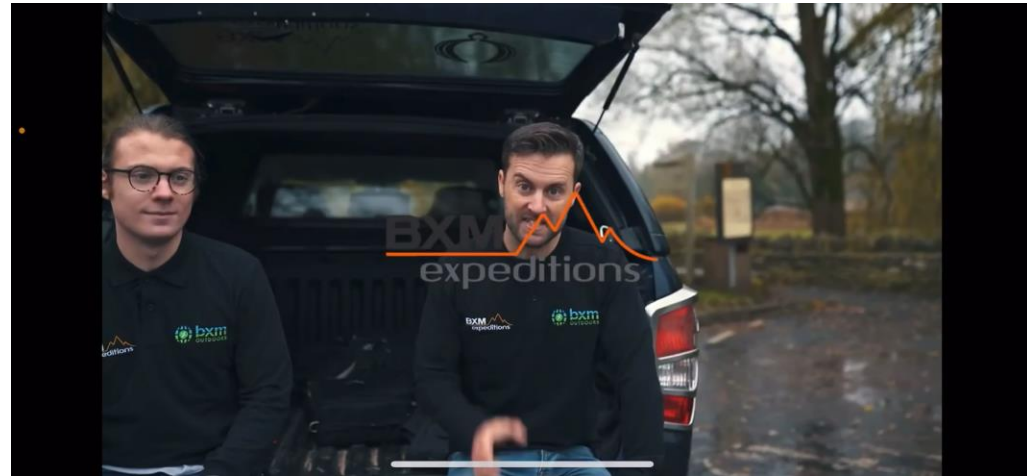


Gold
Age 16+/ Year 12

- A world leading youth achievement award founded by Prince Philip
- Open to ages 14- 24
- Build confidence, resilience, leadership, teamwork

The DofE Sections

- **Volunteering**- giving back to the community
- **Physical**- improving health and fitness
- **Skill**- developing a new talent or hobby
- **Expedition**- teamwork and adventure outdoors



Expedition Section



Volunteering Opportunities

- After school clubs
- Library
- Homework club
- Wise Owls
- Furze Platt Scout Group
- Filling Good Shop in the High Street
- Maidenhead Cycle Hub
- Maidenhead Eco Action
- Coaching younger sports groups
- Charity shops
- Food Share
- Litter picking
- Park Run
- Maidenhead Magpies

Time Commitment

BRONZE

Volunteering 3 months

Physical 3 months

Skills 3 months

Expedition 2 days 1 night



PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.



SILVER

Volunteering 6 months

Physical

one section for 6 months, the

Skills

other for 3 months

Plus an extra 6 months in the Volunteering, or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections if you haven't got Bronze.

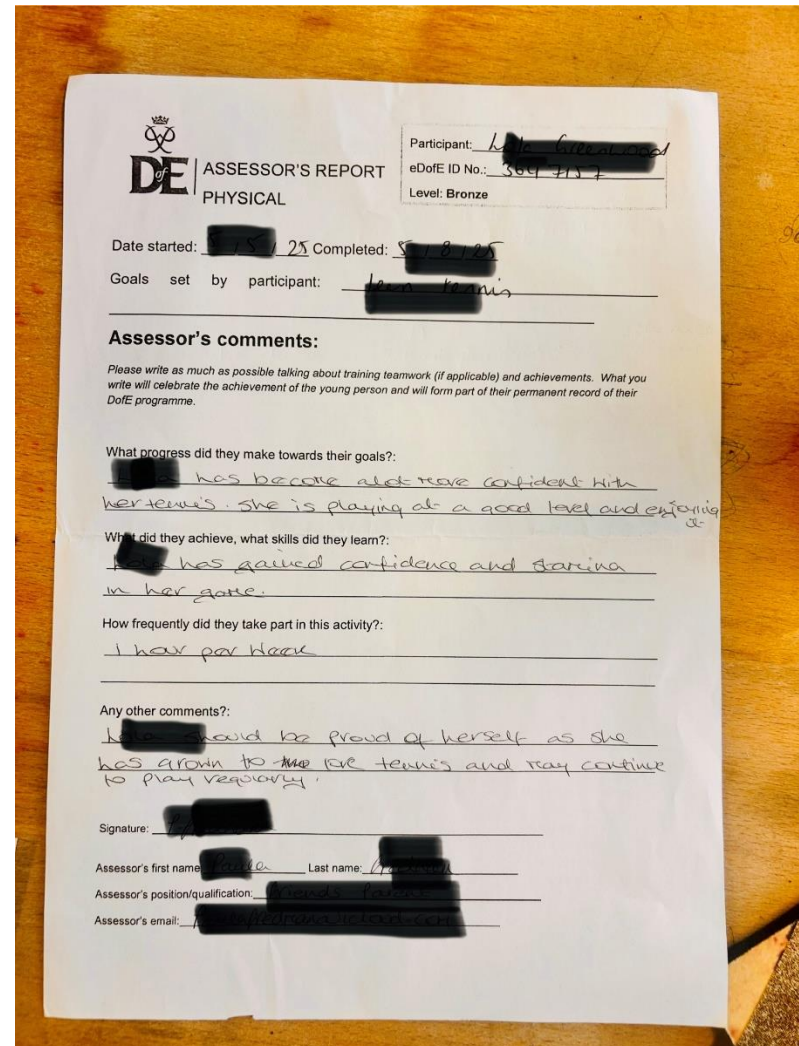
Expedition 3 days 2 nights



Competing sections

Assessor report example

- Content needed:
- Start and end dates
- Participant goals
- What progress did they make towards their goals
- What did they achieve/skills learned
- Frequency
- Assessor details



DE ASSESSOR'S REPORT
PHYSICAL

Participant: [redacted]
eDofE ID No.: [redacted]
Level: Bronze

Date started: [redacted] 25 Completed: [redacted]
Goals set by participant: [redacted]

Assessor's comments:
Please write as much as possible talking about training teamwork (if applicable) and achievements. What you write will celebrate the achievement of the young person and will form part of their permanent record of their DofE programme.

What progress did they make towards their goals?:
[redacted] has become alot more confident with her tennis. she is playing at a good level and enjoying it.

What did they achieve, what skills did they learn?:
[redacted] has gained confidence and stamina in her game.

How frequently did they take part in this activity?:
I have per week

Any other comments?:
[redacted] should be proud of herself as she has grown to ~~the~~ be tennis and may continue to play regularly.

Signature: [redacted]
Assessor's first name: [redacted] Last name: [redacted]
Assessor's position/qualification: [redacted]
Assessor's email: [redacted]

Benefits of the DofE



Sense of identity

Ability to plan & use your time effectively

Build new relationships

Independence

Sense of responsibility

Self- belief

Build new relationships

Realise your potential

Team work

Presentation skills

Problem solving skills



Self- confidence

Communication skills

Awareness of strengths & weaknesses

Leaderships skills

Ability to learn from & give to others in the community

The Expedition School of Outdoors

ATTENDANCE ON ALL DATES IS COMPULSORY

- Training Day: Bronze & Silver- Saturday 17th & 24th January 2026
- Practice Expedition
 - Bronze- Thursday 21st- Friday 22nd May 2026
 - Silver- Wednesday 20th- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Assessment Expedition
 - Bronze- Thursday 18th- Friday 19th June 2026
 - Silver- Wednesday 17th- Friday 19th June 2026
- Bronze- 2 days and 1 night
- Silver- 3 days and 2 nights
- Gold- 4 days and 3 nights (use the DofE Opportunity Finder to source a suitable expedition provider- <https://www.dofe.org/opportunity-finder/>)
- The expedition includes navigation, camp craft, teamwork and problem- solving

Costs

Bronze:
£270

- 4x monthly instalments of £67.50

Silver: £420

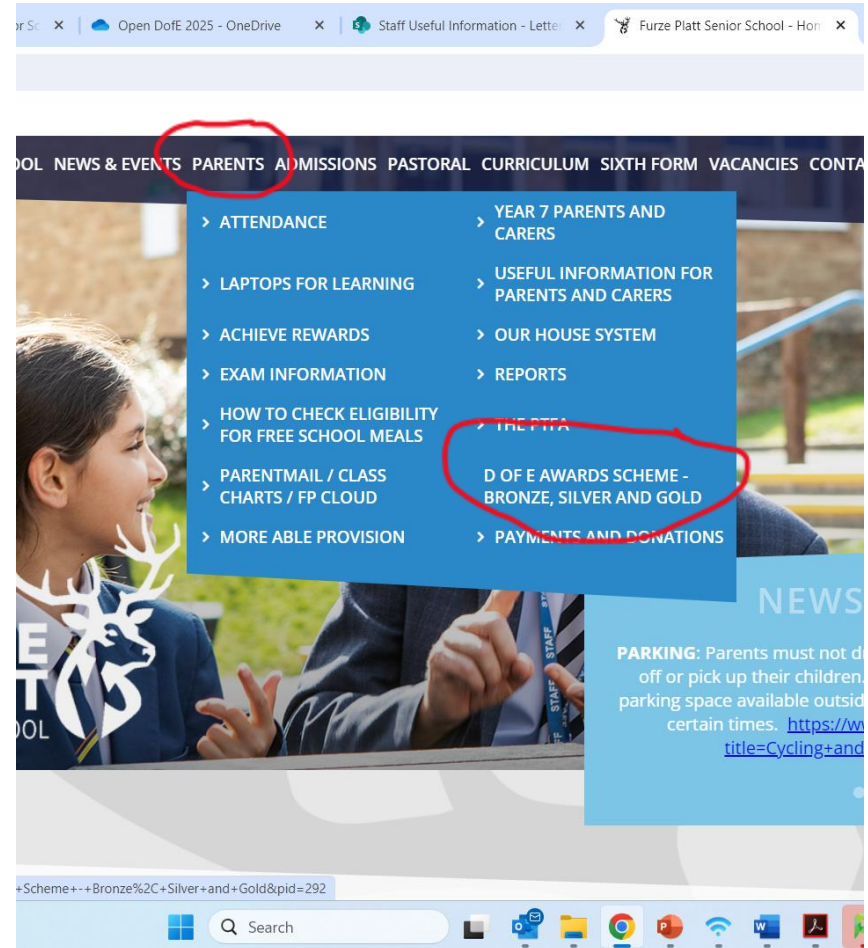
- 4x monthly instalments of £105

Gold: £50

- Registration fee of £50 (expedition sourced independently)

Support needed from parents

- Discuss activities with your child
- Encourage consistent commitment to all sections
- Remind them to log activities in EDofE
- Remind them to submit assessor reports
- Encourage independence
- Check the website first



How to get started

- Get activities started-
- Pay deposit on ParentMail
- Miss Carty will meet with your son/ daughter to check activities are appropriate
- Miss Carty will enrol students
- Log activities onto EDofE

Questions

- We welcome your questions and are here to support your child's DofE journey!