

GILLINGHAM DOFE 2021-22

Meeting room after school on Tuesdays is the dance studio above the MPH at school until just after 5pm. See below for when you need to attend.

Awards Ceremony for full Awards and Certificates of Achievements – Tuesday 14 Sept, 6 for 6.30pm to approx. 7.15pm

2021 Info evening for interested families - Tuesday 14 Sept after the Awards, 7.15 to 8pm. Time to talk after

The dates below are required attendance 21-22 Expedition season

If intending to do the expedition in 2021-22 please check our dates against other school, club and family commitments. We cannot safely take people forward without completing all of the expedition course because the **remotely supervised** Final requires experience, knowledge, good teamwork and completion of the training framework. Everyone must undergo training, unless proven elsewhere, a Practice and then a Final.

Arrangements for the other sections are made individually, with an aim to start all sections by Christmas at the latest. There is a lot of local information and links about what you can do on our website under “sectional info”. We are always here to advise and support choices. mob 07908954105; email info@gillinghamdofe.co.uk; drop into the meet room on a Tuesday for a quick chat.

Should costs seem prohibitive please talk to a leader in confidence. There may be support available.

ENROLMENT FEE. This all goes to Dorset Council. Bronze/Silver = £37, Gold = £47. Includes Welcome Pack, Discount Card and other shopping benefits, certificate/badge, online account and support for the life of the level. Once an account is opened and/or older than 2 weeks we will have incurred that cost ourselves and therefore can't refund. However, the enrolment remains in place until 25th birthday so any aspect of the Award can be picked up at a later date or transferred to a new school/unit.

FIRST AID **For any new enrolment undertaking the expedition:

One day (6hr) Nationally Accredited 6hr Emergency First Aid is mandatory training - £30 (**valid 3 years**).
Friday January 7 2022 (School Inset Day) OR Saturday 26 February OR Sunday February 27 2022

BRONZES <http://www.gillinghamdofe.co.uk/bronze/>

All hikes and camps are local (within 25miles) and we ask for parents help to transport (say if that's a problem!)

21 Sept – eDofE training and activity choices

28 Sept – eDofE training and activity choices

5 Oct – Briefing for the Carey weekend – parents invited

12 Oct - eDofE training and activity choices

16 – 17 Oct Carey Camp, Wareham – Training weekend (camping) – Bus transport £30

9 and 16/11 Kit Presentation (attend one)

28 Nov – Day Hike

Nov and Dec Tuesdays to Dec 7 – pop in for help and advice

7 Jan Fri (9 to 4pm) – First Aid for third of cohort – book <http://www.gillinghamdofe.co.uk/first-aid/> £30

29 Jan – Day Hike

Sat 26 Feb (9 to 4pm) - First Aid for third of cohort <http://www.gillinghamdofe.co.uk/first-aid/> £30

Sun 27 Feb (9 to 4pm) – - First Aid for third of cohort <http://www.gillinghamdofe.co.uk/first-aid/> £30

5 Mar – Day Hike

Summer Term – please attend Tuesdays after school 26Apr to 12July (except 21/6) for planning your Exped, your presentation and rounding off your whole Award.

14 – 15 May – Practice for half the cohort. Moonfleet, Ansty £20

11 – 12 June – Practice for the other half of the cohort. Moonfleet, Ansty £20

25 – 26 June – Final for all teams. Church Farm, Sixpenny Handley £25

SILVERS <http://www.gillinghamdofe.co.uk/silver/>

7 Jan Friday (9 – 4pm) (Inset day) Planning for your Final, and refresher training

27 Feb Sunday (9 – 4pm) Finish planning for your Final, and refresher training

18 Mar (evening) – 20 Mar Silver Practice £35

23 Apr – 25 Apr (Inset day) Silver Final £45

24 May – Deadline and Date for Presentations

GOLDS <http://www.gillinghamdofe.co.uk/gold/>

- 3 outdoor events must be completed – Training, Practice and Final
- These can be attended to suit your studies ie over a couple of years, but you also must attend the planning (for the Final) event.
- You can do alternative styles of expedition: cycle, ride, sail, kayak see: https://www.dofe.org/opportunity-finder/opportunity-for-dofe-participant/?paged=1&type_opp=expedition

Residentials: https://www.dofe.org/opportunity-finder/opportunity-for-dofe-participant/?paged=1&type_opp=residential

19 – 22 February half term 3nts (Bachelors Hall Bunkhouse) Wild Country Training £55

24 and/or 25 February half term – a planning day for **Easter Lowland Gold Final**

9 – 12 Apr Wild Country Practice (if not achieved previously) £55

21 – 25 Apr (Inset day) **Easter Lowland Gold Final** (alongside Silver Final) £50

7 and/or 8 May - planning day for the July Wild Country Final

7 – 10 July Wild Country Practice (if not achieved previously) £55

22 – 26 July Wild Country Gold Final £70

Event costs, as above, cover weekly room hire, admin (printing, copying, and postage), specialist unit insurance, charity audit, leader training and accreditation, training resources for participants, camping/bunkhouse fees, expedition consumables, transport hire, fuel, equipment repair and replacement, (finals) assessors etc.

Fundraising is undertaken to help reduce costs.

Some personal equipment can be borrowed. We supply all team equipment – tents, stoves, fuel, maps compasses, shelters etc.....

Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections are usually arranged between the Participant's family and whoever they are doing the activity with. It's very important to engage with eDofE (online activity record) and very important to always check out ideas for the DofE sections and to have them approved beforehand on eDofE. It's not always as simple as it sounds!! Costly mistakes can be made – on the other hand we are full of bright ideas as to what can count, where and how!

Where others are working with your child you are strongly advised to check out insurance cover and to be confident in regard to child protection.

Only DC DofE **leader led** activities are insured for Public Liability risk by DC (Dorset Council). The Award provides minimal personal accident cover <https://www.dofe.org/run/insurance/>