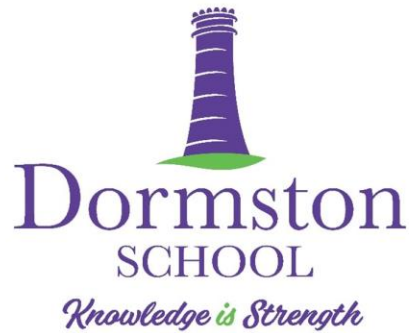


Our Ref: CDN/DFX

March 2026



Dear Parent/Carer

Re: DofE Silver Award Practice Expedition March 2026

I hope you are well and that your child has enjoyed their DofE experiences so far this year, and is making good progress toward completing the sections of the award – Volunteering, Skills, and Physical.

This letter is to outline details of the expedition section of the award which we have been training for in school.

Practice Expedition: 3 days/2-night walking expedition – Cannock Chase

Previously Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd March 2026.

Now Sunday 22nd March to Tuesday 24th March 2026.

This expedition is being managed by Miss C Dolan and Miss K Pajaj

Camping overnight at:

Day One: Spring Slade Lodge, Camp Road, Cannock Chase, WS12 4PT

Day Two: Beaudesert Outdoor, Activity Centre, Beaudesert Park, Cannock Wood, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 4JJ

Unlike the Bronze DofE expeditions transport is provided by school.

Drop Off Location: Dormston School – main entrance

Drop off Time: Sunday 22nd March 2026 - 8:30am

Pick Up Location: Dormston School – main entrance

Pick Up Time: Tuesday 24th March 2026 – 3:00pm (approximately – depending on group finish times)

Please could I ask that drop offs/pick-ups are prompt – please let us know if pupils are walking home instead of being picked up.

Equipment

Your son/daughter has been briefed on the equipment they will need to purchase – I have included the equipment list along with this letter for your information. They will receive a pack from D of E in the post including a membership card. As members of the D of E award they are able to get 15% discount from Go Outdoors, Cotswolds Outdoors, and a couple other outdoor shops who also give good advice about the correct equipment to buy.

Equipment can also be purchased locally from 'Go Outdoors' in Wolverhampton. However please do not go out and spend a lot of money on equipment!



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If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Pajaj.

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