



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition Section





Organisational Background

Channel Adventure Ltd is a specialist provider of Outdoor Education, Recreation and Leisure. The founders are qualified teachers with an absolute conviction that outdoor learning is an invaluable part of a young person's upbringing and, crucially, a lifelong approach to skill development and healthy lifestyle.

Channel Adventure's philosophy is about raising participation in Outdoor Activities, creating high quality Outdoor Learning experiences and providing the very best professional training and development to make this happen.

Everything that Channel Adventure does is about people learning, developing new and existing skills and growing their contribution to the world around them. Every move we make directly and positively impacts upon the lives of those that we work with. Our success is measured first and foremost by the outcomes for those people and our business is dedicated to making this sustainable, secure and enduring.

Channel Adventure provides training and assessment for expeditions at Bronze, Silver and Gold level. This can include all elements of the Expedition section. Whether you have a single group or a number of groups who require training and supervision we can tailor a package to suit your needs. Channel Adventure are able to provide walking, cycling and paddle-sports expeditions at all three levels of the Award.

Channel Adventure is an Approved Activity Provider and can provide training and expedition support anywhere in the UK. The D of E experience should be an enjoyable and educational one, developing skills and confidence whilst all throughout being safe and well supported. We work to give participants a deeper understanding and respect for the outdoor environment and learn about the long-term benefits of a healthy and active lifestyle.

The following are example programmes – practical details can all be adapted to meet your school, staff and participant needs.

Bronze Expedition for 14 or more students

Price per head - £225

- Introductory meeting with parents and young people - a chance for parents and young people to meet the expedition delivery team, ask questions and find out more about the D of E Bronze Award and Channel Adventure. We will also discuss kit and clothing so parents can make informed choices about any purchases they may wish to make.
- Training Day 1 - a foundation day based at school, focusing on a variety of essential skills; navigation & route planning, outdoor cookery & hygiene, first aid and emergency procedures.
- Training Day 2 - a brilliant day based on the Quantock Hills AONB; we look at building on and developing the skills from the first training day and start to look at independence in the outdoors while on expedition. The focus is on practical map and compass skills along with teambuilding within groups. This will see the participants taking responsibility for navigational legs and leadership decisions under the watch of our excellent instructors.
- Practice expedition - time to put skills into action! This two day adventure on the Mendip Hills AONB will see the participants working in their expedition teams, preparing for the upcoming qualifying venture.
- Qualifying venture - this two day expedition in Exmoor National Park will be an opportunity for the participants to put their knowledge, skills and enthusiasm into action on a remotely supervised expedition, which forms one of the four elements of the Duke of Edinburgh's award.

Included:

- High quality, experienced and engaging instruction; working to a high staffing ratio, typically 1:7.
- All technical equipment - maps, compasses, stoves (including fuel and fuel bottles), tents, roll mats, group first aid kits and delivery, issue and collection of kit prior to the expeditions.
- Certificate for first aid and incident management.
- All camping fees.
- Free staff places as required.

Not included:

- Food and drink
- Transport to, from or during the venture (outside of emergencies).
- Personal kit and clothing - sleeping bag, boots, walking clothes.





Silver Expedition for 14 or more students.

Price per head - £295

Included:

- Introductory meeting with parents and young people - a chance for parents and young people to meet the expedition delivery team, ask questions and find out more about the D of E Silver Award and Channel Adventure. We will also discuss kit and clothing so parents can make informed choices about any purchases they may wish to make.
 - Training Day 1 - A school based day which will include: preparatory map & compass skills, camp craft, cooking & hygiene and the countryside code.
 - Training Day 2 - based in the Quantock Hills AONB, we will look at developing the existing skills of the participants and start to establish potential aims and objectives for the qualifying expedition.
 - Practice expedition - this three-day adventure will be based in Exmoor National Park and will be an excellent opportunity for the participants to familiarise themselves with the moorland environment ahead of their qualifying venture.
 - Qualifying venture - for most participants the three-day qualifying venture is the highlight of the award, with this in mind we head to the beautiful Black Mountains in the Brecon Beacons National Park. From here the participants will be totally self-sufficient relying on themselves and their team mates.
- High quality, experienced and engaging instruction; working to a high staffing ratio, typically 1:7.
 - All technical equipment - maps, compasses, stoves (including fuel and fuel bottles), tents, roll mats, group first aid kits and delivery, issue and collection of kit prior to the expeditions.
 - Certificate for first aid and incident management.
 - All camping fees.
 - Free staff places as required.

Not included:

- Food and drink.
- Transport to, from or during the venture (outside of emergencies).
- Personal kit and clothing - sleeping bag, boots, walking clothes.





Gold Expedition for 14 or more students.

Price per head - £395

- Introductory meeting with parents and young people - a chance for parents and young people to meet the expedition delivery team, ask questions and find out more about the D of E Gold Award and Channel Adventure. We will also discuss kit and clothing so parents can make informed choices about any purchases they may wish to make.
- Training Day 1 - A school based day which will include: preparatory map & compass skills, camp craft, cooking & hygiene and the countryside code.
- Training Day 2 - based in the Quantock Hills AONB, we will look at developing the existing skills of the participants and start to establish potential aims and objectives for the qualifying expedition.
- Practice expedition - this four-day adventure will be based in the beautiful Black Mountains and is an excellent opportunity for the participants to familiarise themselves with the mountain environment ahead of their qualifying venture.
- Qualifying venture - for most participants the five-day qualifying venture is the highlight of the award, with this in mind we head to the stunning Brecon Beacons National Park. Day 1 is a travel and preparation day and then from day 2 the participants will be totally self-sufficient for the four-day expedition relying on themselves and their team mates - with us there for logistical and safety support.

Included:

- High quality, experienced and engaging instruction; working to a high staffing ratio, typically 1:7.
- All technical equipment - maps, compasses, stoves (including fuel and fuel bottles), tents, roll mats, group first aid kits and delivery, issue and collection of said kit prior to the expeditions.
- Certificate for first aid and incident management.
- All camping fees.
- Free staff places as required.

Not included:

- Food and drink.
- Transport to, from or during the venture (outside of emergencies).
- Individual kit and clothing - sleeping bag, boots, walking clothes.





Testimonial

“Working with Channel for the last 4 years has been a real pleasure. The team are responsive to our needs and have provided a well organised, safe and fun training/expedition programme for our students' year on year. Their expertise is a real asset to our expedition programme and results in a purposeful and enjoyable experience for all our students”.

Nicola Carter - Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator - Huish Episcopi Academy.

Cancellation Policy

In case of cancellation the following applies: more than 3 months before programme start date, no charge. 2 months before the programme starts, loss of 50% deposit. Less than 1 month before programme starts, no refund.

Insurances and Qualifications

Channel Adventure holds comprehensive Employer's Liability, Public and Products Liability and Professional Indemnity insurance covering all activities – details available upon request. The company is a member of the Institute of Outdoor Learning and staff hold qualifications from British Canoeing, Mountain Training, British Cycling and the Royal Yachting Association. Channel Adventure is fully licensed by the Adventure Activities Licensing Service to deliver a comprehensive range of adventurous activities at a high level (http://www.aals.org.uk/aals/provider_detail.php?ref_no=R2012).

Training Opportunities.

The Channel Group is able to offer a huge range of accredited training to support your staff - not just in Outdoor Learning but associated areas such as First Aid, Safety Management, Education and Leadership.

Promotion and Social Media.

We are keen to support the promotion of your Duke of Edinburgh's Award offer. We seek permission to take photographs and video during activities and these are made available to you for your marketing purposes. This material may be used for our promotion and social media but never without permission. We would be delighted to discuss any aspect of promotion to support and encourage young people to take up these unique and valuable experiences.