



PRINCE HENRY'S HIGH SCHOOL

Information Evening

Friday, 12 December 2025

Aims for the evening

- To introduce the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme
- To give more information about how D of E is run at Prince Henry's
- To explain the sections within a D of E award
- To give advice about how best to support your young person
- To give detail about the expedition section

What is DofE?

DofE is a life-changing adventure for young people aged 14*-24.

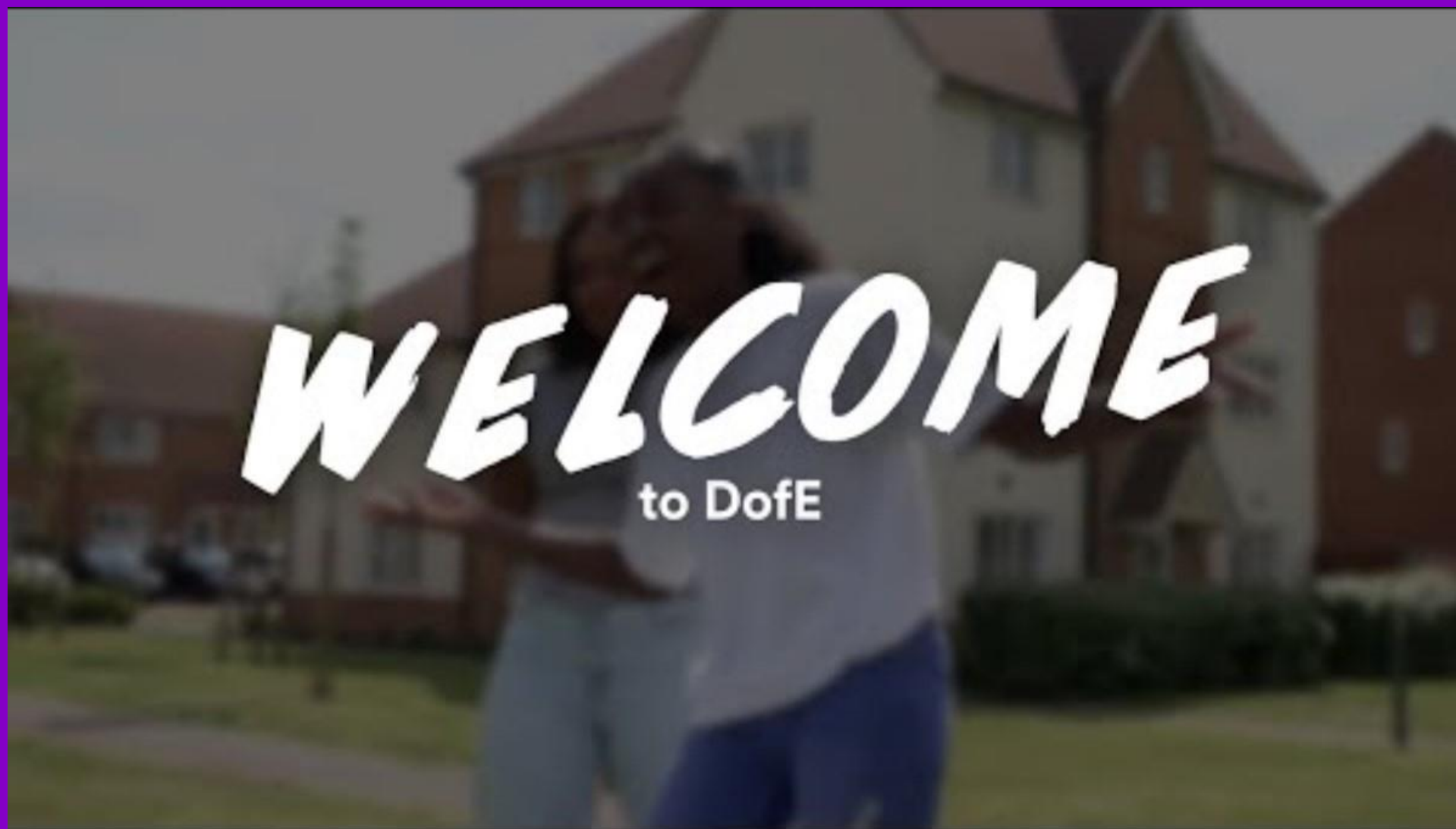
It empowers young people to build essential life and work skills. It encourages personal growth, resilience, and confidence.



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Introducing DofE



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in numbers

April 2024 - March 2025



572,802

Young people actively doing their DofE



342,414

Young people started their DofE journey



Over

5 million

volunteering hours given by young people



£33.4m

Estimated total value of volunteering hours given in support of others

Awards started



Bronze **235,045**



Silver **76,693**



Gold **30,676**



166,592

Awards were achieved

Awards started by marginalised young people



51,049 (14.9%)
Experiencing poverty



94,416 (27.6%)
From minority ethnic backgrounds



28,129 (8.2%)
Have additional needs

30.8%

Of 14 year olds in the UK started their Bronze DofE



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38,744

Leaders and volunteers delivering DofE programmes



4,950

Licensed Organisations delivering the DofE

What is involved?

BRONZE AWARD

What will I do?			
 Volunteering 3 months	 Physical 3 months	 Skills 3 months	 Expedition 2 days and 1 night
Plus a further 3 months in either the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.			

SILVER AWARD

What will I do?			
 Volunteering 6 months	 Physical 3 or 6 months	 Skills 3 or 6 months	 Expedition 3 days and 2 nights
Physical and Skills sections: one section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months .			
If you didn't do Bronze, you must do a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.			

GOLD AWARD

What will I do?				
 Volunteering 12 months	 Physical 12 or 6 months	 Skills 12 or 6 months	 Expedition 4 days and 3 nights	 Residential 5 days and 4 nights
Physical and Skills sections: one section for 12 months and the other section for 6 months .				
If you didn't do Silver, you must do a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.				

D of E at Prince Henry's



Mr Pilling

Duke of Edinburgh
Award Scheme
Manager



Miss Jackson

Bronze Award
Co-ordinator



Mr Collings

Silver Award
Co-ordinator



Dr Orme

Gold Award
Co-ordinator

Choosing activities

- Choosing an activity
- Preparation
- Where can I do an activity?
- Check the activity



Volunteering section

Helping others and
making a difference
to the causes they
care about.



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Physical section

Improving their health
and fitness and having
fun along the way!



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Skills section

Developing existing skills or discovering new things to love.



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Expedition

Spending time in the great outdoors and creating lifelong memories.



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Residential (Gold Award only)

Five days and four nights
away from home.

Sharing experiences
and creating new
connections.



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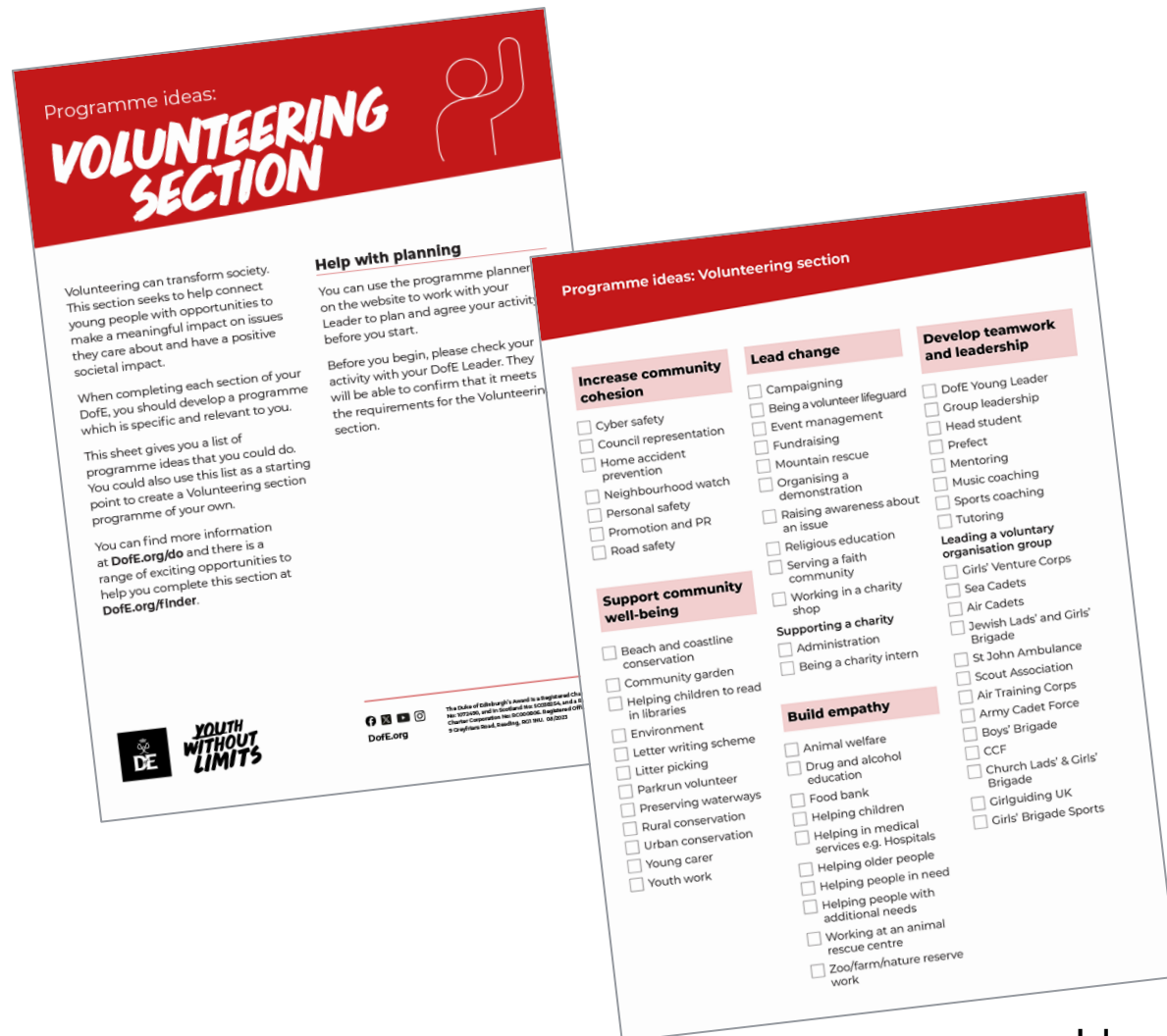
Visit the D of E website for
the most up-to-date
information and guidance.



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Programme ideas



For more ideas head to the **Opportunity Finder** for local approved opportunities.



Ideas for Activities - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

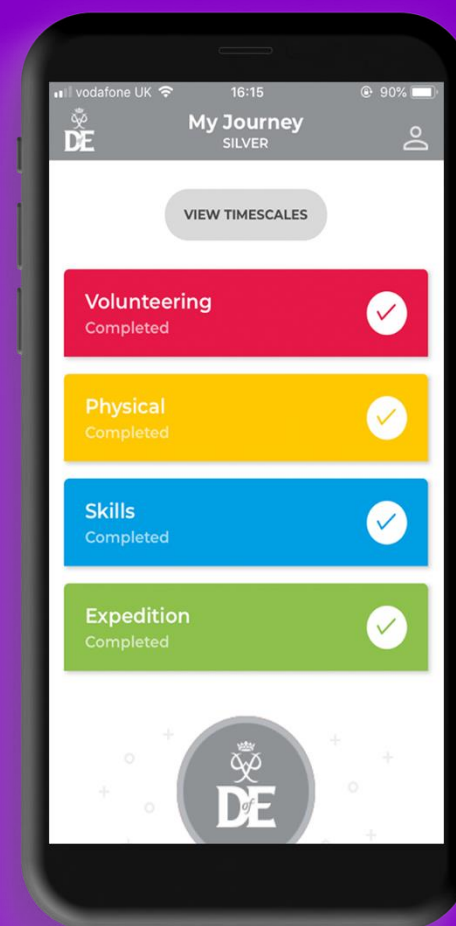
Your role

- Guidance
- Encouragement
- Practical support
- Recognise achievement

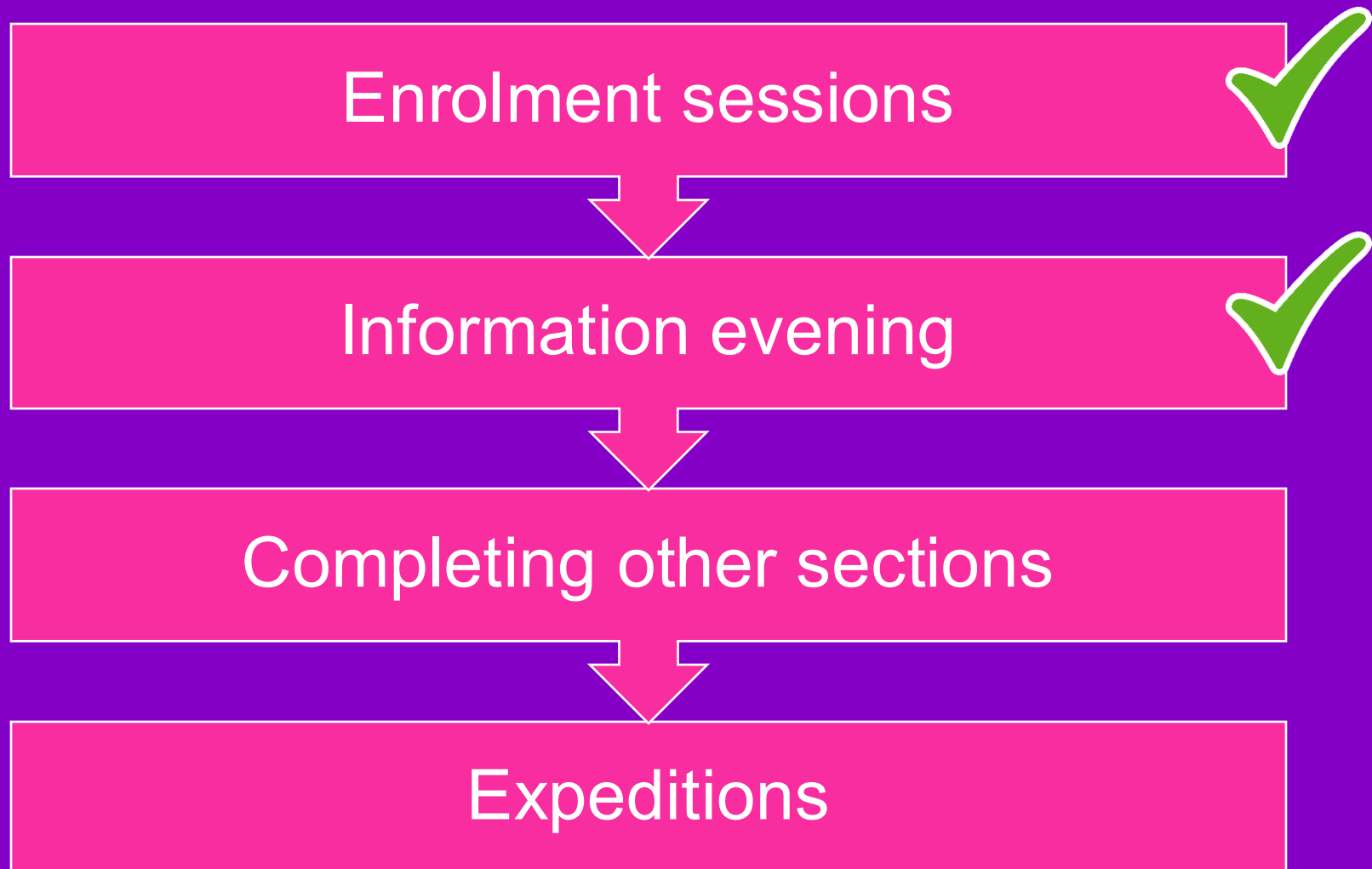
All expeditions are inclusive and if you need any adjustments please reach out to a member of staff.



Your Welcome Pack and eDofE



How the year will look....



Assessors

Each activity requires an Assessor to confirm the activity. On completion of the section, the assessor will complete an Assessor's Report to confirm the activity was carried out for full timescale, showing commitment and effort.

Who is suitable to be an Assessor?

Any adult who has a good understanding of the activity they are doing and has witnessed them take part. However, they cannot be anyone related to the participant.

Assessor Reports

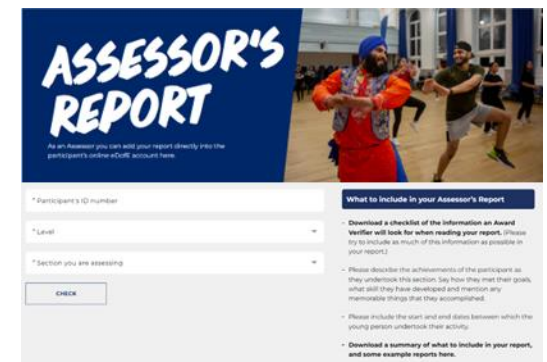
Each section needs a report completed by an adult Assessor. This can be submitted through the Assessor's portal or on the cards that they will receive with your Welcome Pack.

Participants should complete:

- Name; ID number; Award Level
- Description of activity
- Start and end date
- Timeframe chosen for section
- Goals



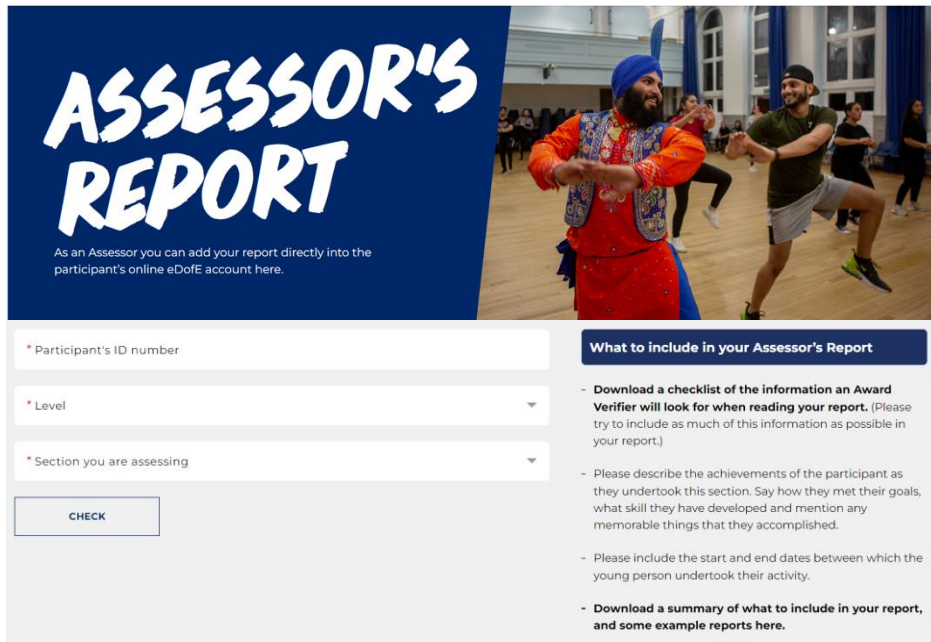
A paper-based assessor report card. At the top left is the 'DE' logo and the title 'ASSESSOR'S REPORT: VOLUNTEERING'. To the right are fields for 'Participant' (Name), 'Adult ID No.', and 'Level: Bronze'. Below these are sections for 'Description of activity:', 'Date started: / / Completed: / / (months)', and 'Goals set by participant:'. A large section for 'Assessor's comments:' follows, with a small note about writing as much as possible. Below this are fields for 'What progress did they make towards their goals?', 'What did they achieve? What skills did they learn?', 'How frequently did they take part in this activity?', and 'Any other comments?'. At the bottom are fields for 'Signature', 'Date', 'Assessor's first name', 'Last name', 'Assessor's position/qualification', 'Assessor's phone number', and 'Assessor's email'. A red footer note states: 'Participants should scan or photograph this page and upload to eCVOL as evidence.'



A screenshot of the 'Assessor's Report' web portal. The header features the title 'ASSESSOR'S REPORT' in large white letters on a blue background, with a photo of a person in a red and orange costume. Below the header, there are input fields for 'Participant's ID number', 'Level', and 'Section you are assessing'. A 'CHECK' button is located below these fields. To the right, a section titled 'What to include in your Assessor's Report' lists instructions: 'Download a checklist of the information an Award Verifier will look for when reading your report.', 'Please try to include as much of this information as possible in your report.', 'Please describe the achievements of the participant as they undertake this section. Say how they met their goals, what skills they have developed and mention any memorable things that they accomplished.', 'Please include the start and end dates between which the young person undertook their activity.', and 'Download a summary of what to include in your report, and some example reports here.'

Assessor Reports

Assessor's portal



The Assessor's portal interface features a large blue banner on the left with the text "ASSESSOR'S REPORT" in white, bold, stylized letters. Below the banner, a smaller text reads: "As an Assessor you can add your report directly into the participant's online eDofE account here." To the right of the banner is a photograph of a man in a red and blue traditional Indian outfit (kurta and dhoti) performing a dance move in a gymnasium, with other people in the background.

Below the banner and photo, there are three input fields with asterisks indicating required information:

- * Participant's ID number
- * Level
- * Section you are assessing

A "CHECK" button is located below the input fields.

To the right of the input fields, there is a section titled "What to include in your Assessor's Report" with a dark blue header. Below the header, there are three bullet points:

- Download a checklist of the information an Award Verifier will look for when reading your report. (Please try to include as much of this information as possible in your report.)
- Please describe the achievements of the participant as they undertook this section. Say how they met their goals, what skill they have developed and mention any memorable things that they accomplished.
- Please include the start and end dates between which the young person undertook their activity.

Below the bullet points, there is a link: "Download a summary of what to include in your report, and some example reports here."

www.dofe.org/assessor

Their Assessor will need to know:

- The participant's eDofE number
- The level they are doing
- Which section they are assessing

This will go directly onto your eDofE record!

Assessor's card



The Assessor's card form is a document with a blue header. On the left, there is a logo for "DE" (DofE) and the text "ASSESSOR'S REPORT: SKILLS". On the right, there is a box for participant information:

Participant: _____
eDofE ID No: _____
Level: **Bronze**

Below the participant information box, there are three lines for the assessor to fill in:

Description of activity: _____
Date started: ____/____/____ Completed: ____/____/____ (____ months)
Goals set by participant: _____

Below these lines, there is a section titled "Assessor's comments:" with a small text block: "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 form part of their permanent record of their DofE programme. Please note: the information you have provided in this report will be scanned and stored by the DofE as part of its record of the participant's achievement. The DofE will not share your personal data with third parties."

Below the comments section, there are three lines for the assessor to fill in:

What progress did they make towards their goals? _____
What did they achieve? What skills did they learn? _____
How frequently did they take part in this activity? _____

Below these lines, there is a section titled "Any other comments?" with three lines for the assessor to fill in:

Any other comments? _____

Below the comments section, there are three lines for the assessor to fill in:

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____
Assessor's first name: _____ Last name: _____
Assessor's position/qualification: _____
Assessor's phone number: _____
Assessor's email: _____

At the bottom, there is a small text block: "Participants should scan or photograph this page and upload to eDofE as evidence."

Participants will receive this in their Welcome Pack through the post

The Expeditions

Bronze

Assessed
Expedition
2 days / 1 night
The Cotswolds
11th & 12th June
OR
19th & 20th June

Silver

Training Expedition
3 days / 2 nights
Shropshire
22nd to 24th April

Assessed
Expedition
3 days / 2 nights
The Black
Mountains
20th to 22nd May

Gold

Training (Y12) &
Assessed (Y13)
Expeditions
4 days / 4 nights
Eryri (Snowdonia)
28th June to 2nd July

Expedition Expectations

- Participation depends on good behaviour record
- School rules apply throughout
- Students are expected to represent the school positively
- Poor behaviour will result in sanctions both on the trip and in school and may impact attendance on future trips
- If necessary, students will be sent home

Expedition Challenges

- Expect the expedition to challenge you in different ways to a normal school day
- Physical and mental resilience
- Preparation and training prior to expeditions
- School to be informed of medical issues through medical form prior to expedition
- Mobile phones

Kit for Expeditions

- To complete the expedition successfully, it is vital that all participants have the correct equipment
- Personal equipment
- Some equipment can be loaned from school – tents, rucksacks, stoves, sleeping bags, roll mats and torches



Participants and parents DofE Card

The DofE Card gives all DofE participants, Leaders and volunteers, and parents of participants a great discounted rate in five fantastic retailers in-store and online, for being part of the DofE network.

Participants can register on the eDofE website or via the app.

**Always show
your DofE Card or
Digital DofE Card.**

You'll get the best
savings and help
support young people
to do their DofE.

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Thank you for attending, please ask us any questions you have at the end.



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