

**Duke of Edinburgh Award.
Gold Expedition Programme.**

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Information

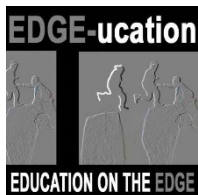
Eight-day programme provided by **EDGE-ucation** for those who have completed a minimum of a Silver Expedition or can alternately demonstrate relevant prior learning.
*Ten day programme for those entering as Gold Direct students or can alternately demonstrate relevant prior learning.
The expeditions take place along the coastline and hills of Snowdonia between Aberdovey and Conwy.
The training is largely practically based. Preparations such as route planning, food/menus and dissemination of logistics and arrangements will be completed by School staff.
If required EDGE-ucation can provide the above using sessions after school, these would be invoiced separately at £95.00 per session.
All **EDGE-ucation** Staff are very experienced at running and leading D of E. For the full scope and capabilities of their experience, please refer to our policy document. 'I believe we have the most highly qualified and experienced staff of any other provider'.
Our operating procedures are detailed in the attached policy document.

Provision

The costings below are based on the provision detailed here and in the programme on page 2.
We cover the cost of hire facilities on training days and camp site fees.
All expedition outlines and suggested route lines and camp stops will be provided.
Day time accompanied or remote supervision and remote evening overnight supervision as per D of E requirements.
Based on costings below we are not providing equipment. (though this can be hired if the school should have a shortfall)
Food is not supplied, menu planning forms part of the expedition process.
We don't include transport and are not responsible for travel to and from the expedition area. Using the trains works well, the many stops along the coast enable convenient start and finish points for the expedition. Using the train gives students greater responsibility, a feeling that they own their expedition and has proved successful over many years. Students will always be met off the train and also on departure.
Assessment of the final expedition is included using accredited assessors.

Costings

Based on the above provision the **total cost** (ex VAT) for the standard Gold 8-day programme is **£294.00** per student.
The Gold Direct 10 -day programme is **£354.00** per student. (Gold and Gold Direct students can join groups for the expeditions)
This includes camp site fees of approximately **£35** per student (5 nights) and a surcharge of approximately **£15** per student levied by the DofE Ltd for our provision as an AAP.
Confirmation of booking/dates as programme, provisional numbers and deposit of 30% (pro rata) invoiced by 11th November 2022.
Confirmation of final student numbers by 2nd December 2022. (this should allow time for students to make a commitment after the first day on 19th November)



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Programme. <i>Eight-day Gold programme and Ten day Gold Direct programme provided by EDGE-ucation.</i>			
Activity	Dates and Times	Location	Delivery & Content
Navigation and hill skills.	TBC	Long Mynd	A fully/semi accompanied day with a member of Staff and your expedition group, working on navigation and hill skills at a more advanced level.
<i>*Gold Direct Training and overnight camp. Ten day programme.</i>	TBC	Stiperstones.	A semi accompanied mini expedition. Covering all skills required to attend the Wild Country Training expedition. *For those students with no experience of Bronze or Silver.
Wild Country training expedition- Advanced Expedition skills. Emergency Procedures. Final Route Checks.	Sunday 30 th June to Tuesday 2 nd July.	Snowdonia. Coast line and Hills between Harlech and Tal-y- Bont.	As detailed sheets given on booking. It is usual for students to use the railway which runs along the length of the coast with convenient stops for starting and finishing your practice expedition.
	Sunday - Travel, planning and expedition skills.	Dyffryn Ardudwy. Bennar Beach.	Short Navigation Exercise/walk to camp. Set up camp. Walk to beach/games – weather permitting. Cook, bed!
	Monday – training exp.	Bennar Beach to Cwm Nantcol.	Practice expedition day. Mostly accompanied route. Camping at Cwm Nantcol.
	Tuesday – training exp.	Cwm Nantcol to Llanbedr.	Groups follow route with remote supervision to Llanbedr.
Final Planning	After training above.	Home/School	The final detailed planning will be done by students at home or school during the 2 weeks after the training expedition. Details will be given out at the end of the training expedition before returning home.
Final Expedition.	Friday 12 th July To Monday 15 th July	Snowdonia. Routes TBC.	As detailed sheets given on booking. Final assessed expedition. Remote supervision whilst moving through the hills of Snowdonia and deploying all relevant expedition skills.