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Introduction to the DofE

Bronze Award (Year 9 and above)

| Volunteering | Physical | Skills | Expedition |
|---|----------|----------|--|
| 3 months | 3 months | 3 months | Plan, train for and complete a 2 day, 1 night expedition |
| <i>All participants must undertake a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.</i> | | | |

Silver Award (Y10 and above)

| Volunteering | Physical | Skills | Expedition |
|--|---|--------|--|
| 6 months | One section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months | | Plan, train for and complete a 3 day, 2 night expedition |
| <i>Direct entrants must undertake a further 6 months in the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.</i> | | | |

Gold Award (Year 12 and above)

| Volunteering | Physical | Skills | Expedition | Residential |
|--|--|--------|--|---|
| 12 months | One section for 12 months and the other section for 6 months | | Plan, train for and complete a 4 day, 3 night expedition | Undertake a shared activity in a residential setting away from home for 5 days and 4 nights |
| <i>Direct entrants must undertake a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills section.</i> | | | | |

The sections

- **Volunteering:** undertaking service to individuals or the community
- **Physical:** improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities
- **Skills:** developing practical and social skills and personal interests
- **Expedition:** planning, training for and completion of an adventurous journey in the UK or abroad
- At Gold level, participants must do an additional fifth **Residential** section, which involves working and staying away from home doing a shared activity

Volunteering

Aim

- To inspire young people to make a difference within their communities or to an individual's life and develop compassion by giving service to others.

What is required?

- Volunteering is simple. It's about choosing to give time to something useful, without getting paid.
- Team volunteering can be beneficial to young people and to the project they have chosen.
- At least 3/4 of activity needs to be practical volunteering, so only a 1/4 can be training.
- Training courses, therefore, must either:
 - Change their content to include practical volunteering e.g. raising awareness project
 - Count towards the Skills section – Life skills category

Volunteering categories

- Helping people
- Community action and raising awareness
- Coaching, teaching and leadership
- Working with the environment or animals
- Helping a charity or community organisation



Physical

Aim

- To inspire young people to achieve greater physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle through participation and improvement in physical activity.



What is a physical activity?

In short, anything that requires a sustained level of physical energy and involves doing an activity.

Participants are free to do this section independently or as part of a team.

Physical categories

- Team sports
- Individual sports
- Water sports
- Racquet sports
- Dance
- Fitness
- Extreme sports
- Martial arts



Skills

Aim

- To inspire young people to develop practical and social skills and personal interests.



Something old or something new

Ultimately participants must be able to prove that they have broadened their understanding and increased their expertise in the chosen skill.

Activities can be undertaken on either an individual or group basis.

Skills categories

- Creative arts
- Performance arts
- Science and technology
- Care of animals
- Music
- Life skills
- Learning and collecting
- Media and communication
- Natural world
- Games and sports leadership



Expedition

Aim

- To inspire young people to develop initiative and a sense of adventure and discovery, by planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey as part of a team.



Timescales for qualifying expeditions

| Level | Duration | Minimum hours of planned activity each day |
|---------------|---------------------|--|
| Bronze | 2 days and 1 night | At least 6 hours during the daytime |
| Silver | 3 days and 2 nights | At least 7 hours during the daytime |
| Gold | 4 days and 3 nights | At least 8 hours during the daytime |

Residential

Aim

- To inspire participants through a concentrated involvement with people they don't know, who are usually from different backgrounds, and bring alternative views to the challenges they will face.



Residential examples

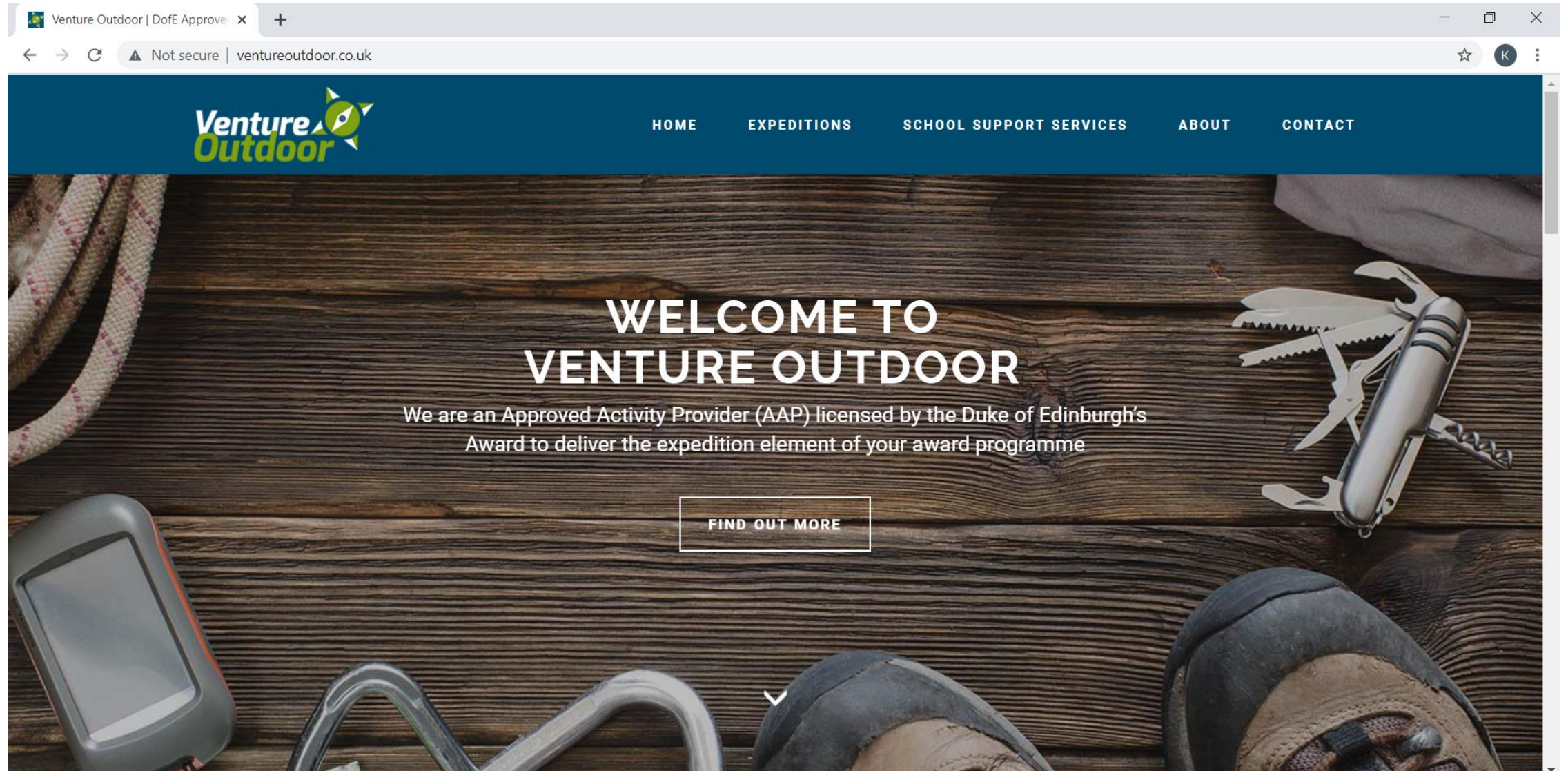
- Developing an existing interest or something new:
 - Assisting at a kids' summer camp
 - Joining a conservation project
 - Doing a photography course
 - Improving language skills on an intensive course



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Expedition



Expeditions

- Venture Outdoor are an Approved Activity Provider for the D of E Award
- All leaders are qualified and DBS checked
- Expeditions are a mixture of SC staff and VO leaders
- Venture Outdoor will supply group equipment and some individual equipment for the expedition which is included in cost
 - Cooking Trangia stoves
 - Tents
 - Rucksacks
 - Maps/compass

Bronze



- Training Day 1: Spring 2021 – classroom based
- Training Day 2: Spring 2021 – class/outdoor training
- Practice expedition South Warwickshire May 2021
- Qualifying expedition Cotswolds June 2021
- Both expeditions parental drop off/pick up

Cost Breakdown

Bronze: £250

£190 Venture Outdoor

£30 D of E award

£30 Licenced centre
costs

SILVER



- Training Day 1: Spring 2021
Classroom based
- Training Day 2: Spring 2021
Class/outdoor training
- Practice Expedition Peak District:
April 2021
- Qualifying Expedition Shropshire:
June 2021
- Both expeditions coach travel

Cost Breakdown

Silver £320

£240 Venture Outdoor

£30 D of E award

£50 Licenced centre
costs – includes coach
costs

Gold



Training Day: Spring 2021

Training Expedition Peak District:
April 2021

Practice Expedition TBC

Qualifying Expedition TBC

Cost Breakdown

Gold £430

£350 Venture Outdoor

£30 D of E Award

£50 Licenced centre
costs inc

Coach/Minibus travel

Interested?

Please read the letter and information on the website

Complete the application form and return by 4th December by e-mail to bradbury.k@welearn365.com

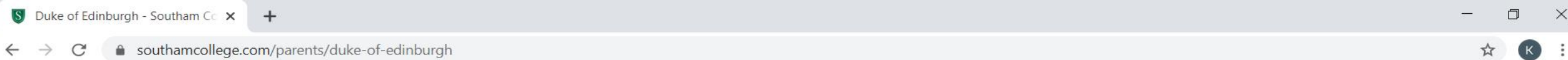
Pay initial £30 deposit on Parent Pay by 4th December

Once deposit paid, school will register your child with D of E.

Students **must then to log-on to E D of E website to fill in their sections** and to fill their address to receive the award pack

There is a payment schedule on the website with dates for instalments

More Information



Be the best you can be!

- > **Parent Guide**
- > **Costs**
- > **Payment Schedule**
- > **Application Form**
- > **Ideas for Volunteering, skill, physical and residential sections**
- > **Key Dates 2021**
- > **Letters to Parents**

COVID 19

- If expeditions are cancelled due to COVID we will issue full refund.
- We did manage to complete Bronze in full and the Silver Practice from last year, so we will endeavour to do the expeditions around whatever restrictions are in place
- At present the Gov does not allow overnight camping, so expeditions have had to have some amendments, however we are aiming to be able to do normal expeditions by next April
- D of E have made some exceptions to the other sections due to COVID, but for the full award participants still have to complete the volunteering, physical and skill aspects

<https://www.dofe.org/coronavirus/faqs-participants>