

Sharples School DoE Calendar 2025-26

September	Bronze Assembly Presentation & Silver Meeting – Letter & email home. Silver students can register and start.
Early October	Bronze Preparation Programme - Student meetings after school focusing on planning DofE Activities (Volunteering, Physical & Skill). Bronze Award Application Forms issued to students.
11 th October	Bronze Introductory Training Walk (Saturday morning) – guided 2 hour walk in the Eagley Brook valley in teams – introduction to walking, equipment, teamwork and map-reading.
From 13 th October	Bronze Application process. Deadline for applications Friday 24 th October
November	Bronze Award students register on edofe and begin DofE Activities.
8 th November	Silver Training Walk (Saturday morning) – team-work, equipment, route-planning, navigation, safety, Countryside Code.
January	Students must have started their 6 month Activities and should now be deciding on any remaining Activities.
By Easter (28 March to 12 April)	First (three month) Activities completed and all Activities commenced.
25 th April	Bronze Training Walk (Saturday morning) – team-work, equipment, route-planning, navigation, safety, Countryside Code.
April & May (dates tbc)	Bronze & Silver <u>after school</u> training sessions to cover:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teamwork, map-skills, route planning, first aid, cooking on camping stoves, menu-planning, tent-skills, equipment and practising rucksack planning and weather-planning.
9 th May (Saturday)	Bronze Practice Expedition (Turton) – one day
16 th to 18 th May (3 day weekend)	Silver Practice Expedition (Buxton, Derbyshire) – 3 days 2 nights – Saturday to Monday.
6 th & 7 th June (weekend)	Bronze Qualifying Expedition A (Rivington) – 2 days 1 night
20 th & 21 st June (weekend)	Bronze Qualifying Expedition B (Rivington) – 2 days 1 night.
4 th to 6 th July (3 day weekend)	Silver Qualifying Expedition (Eyam, Derbyshire) – 3 days 2 nights – Saturday to Monday.
By summer holiday	All Activities completed. Evidence logs on edofe up to date. Bronze & Silver Awards completed.