

Sharples School DoE Calendar 2026-27

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.
10 th October	Bronze Introductory Training Walk (Saturday morning) – guided 2 hour walk in the Eagley Valley in teams – introduction to walking, equipment, teamwork and map-reading.
From 12 th October	Bronze Application process. Deadline for applications Friday 23 rd October.
November	Bronze Award students register on edofe and begin DofE Activities.
7 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.
6 th March	Silver Training Walk (Saturday morning) - team-work, equipment, route-planning, navigation, safety, Countryside Code.
20 th March	Bronze Training Walk (Saturday morning) – team-work, equipment, route-planning, navigation, safety, Countryside Code.
By Easter (27 March to 11 April)	First (three month) Activities completed and all Activities commenced.
April & May (dates tbc)	Bronze & Silver <u>after school</u> training sessions to cover:- Teamwork, map-skills, route planning, first aid, cooking on camping stoves, menu-planning, tent-skills, equipment and practising rucksack planning and weather-planning.
24 th April (Saturday)	Bronze Practice Expedition (Turton) – one day
8 th - 10 th May (3 day weekend)	Silver Practice Expedition (Buxton, Derbyshire) – 3 days 2 nights – Saturday to Monday.
22 nd & 23 rd May (weekend)	Bronze Qualifying Expedition A (Rivington) – 2 days 1 night
19 th & 20 th June (weekend)	Bronze Qualifying Expedition B (Rivington) – 2 days 1 night.
3 rd – 5 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.