



Duke of Edinburgh Award.
Silver Expedition Provision Programme.
Re: Ridgeway Academy.



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Information

At **EDGE-ucation** we believe that an 8-day programme is the minimum amount of time required for a safe and successful Silver D of E experience for those who have completed Bronze or can demonstrate relevant approved prior learning (APL).

The expeditions take place along the coast line and hills of Snowdonia between Barmouth and Porthmadog.

The programme comprises a total of 8 days plus a travel day. The training is a mixture of some theory but is largely practically based.

All 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

Please see the programme on page 2.

At **EDGE-ucation** we provide all group equipment comprising of high quality two/three-person dome tents and very efficient Gas Trangia stoves.

An agreement is required from the licensed organisation to cover the cost of damage to equipment loaned if above normal wear and tear.

At Silver, due to the variation of camp sites we don't cover the cost of camp sites fees, students need to allow approximately £20 for this.

We cover the cost of hire facilities on training days. We also supply maps for the expedition.

Food is not supplied, menu planning forms part of the expedition process. On the travel day of Thursday 27th June, it will be possible to purchase snacks and lunch at the internet café where we will be completing final expedition planning and more advanced expedition skills. Expedition food will need to be planned and provided from the evening of Thursday 27th June to departure at lunchtime on Saturday 29th June.

We don't include transport and are not responsible for travel to and from the expedition area. Using the trains from Birmingham 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.

Other equipment such as rucksacks, sleeping mats, waterproofs, boots and compasses can all be hired from us if required.

Assessment of the final expedition is included using accredited assessors. Assessment reports will be sent as a downloadable pdf file or if preferred, directly to the student's e-portal.

Costings

Based on the above provision the **total cost** (ex VAT) for the full programme is **£265.00** per student for a minimum of 12 students into 2 expedition groups. This includes a surcharge of approximately **£15** per student levied by the DofE Ltd for our provision as an AAP.

Programme.

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Activity	Dates and Times	Location	Delivery & Content
Navigation and hill skills.	Sunday 9 th December 2018.	Stiperstones.	A fully accompanied day with a member of Staff and your expedition group, working on navigation and hill skills at a more advanced level.
Navigation and hill skills. Emergency Procedures and expedition first aid.	Sunday 5 th May 2019 Meet 10.00am. Depart 4.30pm	Berwyn Mountains near Llangollen.	A fully accompanied day with a member of Staff and your expedition group, working on navigation and hill skills at a more advanced level. Application of Emergency Procedures given a practical scenario to sort.
Practice Expedition – including, Expedition Planning/Advanced Expedition skills.	Thursday 27 th June to Saturday 29 th June 2019.	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.
	Thursday 27 th June- Travel, planning and expedition skills.	Dyffryn Ardudwy. Silver Tea Pot Internet Café. Bennar Beach.	Arrive 10.08am. Meet students and walk to village hall/internet cafe. (06.25 from B Ham – arrive 10.08 Dyffryn Ardudwy. £9.50 child, £19.00 Adult, Single) Final expedition planning, expedition skills. Students can purchase snacks and lunch at the cafe or provide their own. Walk to camp, supervised cooking of evening meal. Issue tents and stoves. Set up camp. Walk to beach/games – weather permitting.
	Friday 28 th June – practice exp.	Bennar Beach to Llanbedr.	Start practice expedition. Partly accompanied route. Camping at Llanbedr.
	Saturday 29 th June – practice exp.	Llanbedr to Dyffryn.	Second day of practice expedition. Groups follow route with remote supervision to Dyffryn Ardudwy. Aiming to depart am. (12.41 Dyffryn Ardudwy – B Ham 16.22)
Final Expedition.	Thursday 11 th to Saturday 13 th July 2019.	Snowdonia. Coast line and hills between Porthmadog and Harlech.	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.