
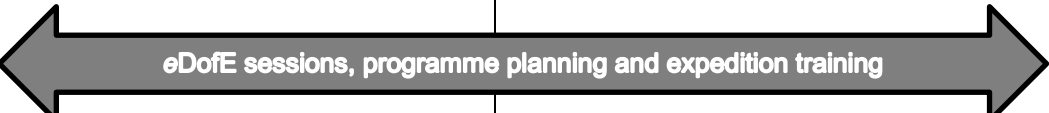



School Ages and the DofE – Earliest Enrolment and Completion

In order to make DofE available to as many young people as possible and to enable them to complete with friends and peers, we are pleased to announce the new age range pilot for Bronze and Silver levels. This chart will help you plan the best experience possible for your Centre – please feed back to us on southeast@dofe.org about how the new age pilot works for you!

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Year 9 Youngest pupil will be 13 Oldest pupil will be 14	 eDofE sessions, programme planning and expedition training Start enrolment of Bronze participants onto eDofE									After completion of Expedition - earliest Year 9 enrolments can officially complete their Bronze DofE .		
Year 10 Youngest pupil will be 14 Oldest pupil will be 15	 eDofE sessions, programme planning and expedition training Start enrolment of Silver participants onto eDofE											
Year 11 Youngest pupil will be 15 Oldest pupil will be 16	 eDofE sessions, programme planning and expedition training Start enrolment of Gold participants onto eDofE (as long as they are 16).											
							Silver practice and qualifying expedition opportunity for everyone. Earliest the youngest direct entrant participant can complete their Silver DofE (i.e. 12 months later to allow for longer Direct section).			Gold practice and qualifying expedition opportunity for those who meet the age criteria. Gold participants must still be 16.		
Year 12 Youngest pupil will be 16 Oldest pupil will be 17	Youngest student is now 16 and eligible to enrol for Gold.									Earliest the youngest Gold non-direct entrant can officially complete their Gold DofE (i.e. their 17th Birthday).		
	Gold practice and qualifying expedition opportunity for all participants											
Year 13 Youngest pupil will be 17 Oldest pupil will be 18							Earliest the youngest Gold direct entrant participant can officially complete their Gold DofE (i.e. age 17½).					
Further guidance:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A non-direct entrant is a participant who has completed the previous level; a direct entrant is a participant who has not completed the previous level. Backdating sections: It is possible to backdate one section by three months for Gold level only provided the participant was 16 at the start of the activity. It is not possible to backdate a section at Bronze and Silver. You can however alter the enrolment date if required. Although Bronze and Silver levels can enrol in school years, participants must be 16 before they are able to start Gold. Participants must have completed a section at the previous level before they can be enrolled at the next level. 											