**Maze Presbyterian Church
Duke of Edinburgh Open Award
Gold Schedule 2023 / 2024**

Below is the schedule of activities for participants undertaking the Gold Duke of Edinburgh level at Maze Presbyterian Church. It is important that participants attend the activities identified below so they are adequately prepared to undertake the final unaccompanied expedition.

Training nights will run from 7:30-9:00pm each evening. For day walks, we typically meet at Maze Presbyterian Church at 8:30am and typically aim to be back at the Church around 4:30pm. The Gold Practice Expedition will commence around tea-time on the Friday evening (19 April 2024) and finish on the Sunday afternoon. The Gold Qualifying Expedition will commence just after lunch time on Thursday 22 August 2024, when we will travel to Wicklow, returning on the following Monday evening.

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| **Date** | **Activity** | **Topic** |
| Monday 23-Oct-23 | Training Night\* | Induction and eDofE Registration Evening |
| Monday 06-Nov-23 | Training Night\* | Maps, Grid References & Contours |
| Monday 13-Nov-23 | Training Night\* | Tick Features, Distance and Time |
| Monday 20-Nov-23 | Training Night\* | Introduction to Route Cards |
| Saturday 2-Dec-23 | Day Walk | Navigation Refresher |
| Saturday 9-Dec-23 | Night Navigation | Navigation Refresher |
| Saturday 17 Feb-24 | Night Navigation | Poor Visibility Navigation |
| Monday 19-Feb-24 | Training Night\* | Camp Craft – Food and Tents |
| Monday 26 Feb-24 | Training Night | First Aid |
| Monday 4-Mar-24 | Training Night\* | Compass Bearings |
| Monday 11-Mar-24 | Training Night | Practice Expedition Route Cards |
| Monday 25-Mar-24 | Training Night | Qualifying Expedition Route Cards |
| Saturday 6-Apr-24 | Day Walk | General Navigation |
| Monday 15-Apr-24 | Training Night | Pre-Expedition Check |
| 19-21 Apr-24 | Expedition | Practice Expedition |
| Monday 19-Aug-24 | Training Night | Pre-Expedition Check |
| 22-26 Aug-24 | Expedition | Qualifying Expedition |
| Monday 6-May-23 | Expedition Aim | Finalising Presentation |

\* Items marked with an asterisk above are for direct entry participants. Those who have previously completed the Silver award are not required to attend on these evenings (but are welcome!).

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