Maze Presbyterian Church
Duke of Edinburgh Open Award
Gold Schedule 2026 / 2027

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. There is also a night navigation planned where we will leave the Church around 4:00pm, returning around 11:00pm. The Gold Practice Expedition will commence early on the Friday evening (16 April 2027) and finish on the Sunday afternoon. The Gold Qualifying Expedition will commence early afternoon on Thursday 19 August 2027, when we will travel to Wicklow, returning on the following Monday evening.

Date	Activity	Topic
5 October 2026	Training Night*	Induction and eDofE Registration Evening
12 October 2026	Training Night*	Maps, Grid References & Contours
19 October 2026	Training Night*	Tick Features, Distance and Time
26 October 2026	Training Night*	Camp Craft – Food and Tents
31 October 2026	Day Walk	Basic Navigation
2 November 2026	Training Night*	Compass Bearings
7 November 2026	Day Walk	Advanced Navigation
16 January 2026	Night Navigation	Poor Weather Navigation
6 February 2026	Night Navigation	Poor Weather Navigation (Backup Date)
1 March 2027	Training Night	First Aid
6 March 2026	Day Walk	Navigation Refresher
8 March 2027	Training Night	Practice Expedition Route Cards
22 March 2027	Training Night	Qualifying Expedition Route Cards
12 April 2027	Training Night	Pre-Expedition Check
16-18 April 2027	Expedition	Practice Expedition
16 August 2027	Training Night	Pre-Expedition Check
19-23 August 2027	Expedition	Qualifying Expedition
30 August 2027	Expedition Aim	Finalising Presentation

* Items marked with an asterisk above are primarily 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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