Challenges for young people between 14 and 25 years old.
Who will take over?
Background

- Started in 1956
- In UK, participation numbers continue to grow
- International Organisation
- UK centres are looked after by Regional Centres and Local Operating Authorities
- Our Operating Authority is Somerset
Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Bronze Level - age 14 to 25
Silver Level - age 15 to 25
Gold Level - age 16 to 25
But I’m only 13!

- Don’t worry – everyone in year 9 can start DofE. The DofE website is out of date. You will be able to do skills, volunteering, physical and expeditions this academic year.

- You will be registered to start on May 1\textsuperscript{st}.

- You should be able to complete bronze level by the end of year 10.
Why Choose to do DofE?

- Good fun
- Sense of achievement
- Develop interpersonal skills
- Show team work ability
- Develop self confidence, communication, self– motivation
- Boosts CV – often used by employers and universities.
Changes

- Record book has been replaced by online “eDofE”.
- Students record progress through the award.
- Students upload photographs, letters, and reports as evidence of completion of different parts of the award.
- An Achievement Pack is produced at the end as a memento of the award.
What's involved?

- 4 challenges
- Physical
- Volunteering
- Skill
- Expedition
Letters were given out about 2 weeks ago. If you didn’t get one, I have a few spares. Failing that I can email one to you if you leave me your email address.
Step 2 –

- Information Evening!
Step 3 – Choose a training weekend

- Dates of Training weekends: 8-11\textsuperscript{th} May 2014, 15-20\textsuperscript{th} May 2014, 22-25\textsuperscript{th} May 2014.

- Complete a medical form.
Step 4  Cost

- Frome college supports DofE, but you will need to make a contribution to the cost of your activities.
  - Registration – £15 – due now
  - Training and practice expedition £45 – due now
  - Qualifying expedition – £30
Step 5 – Choose activities

- After expedition training, all participants will need to choose activities and register them on eDofE.
Expedition Training

- Training in Dilton Marsh
- Practice on the Quantocks
- Qualifying expedition on Exmoor
Kit list

- We have some good quality kit to borrow.
- We always check to make sure that groups have essential equipment.

Kit issued as part of training package
- A survival bag
- A whistle
- compass
- Training notes
Kit Provided at Training

- A survival bag
- A whistle
- compass
- Training notes
Still interested?

- Bring back:
  - Registration form with information about expeditions.
  - Medical form
Contacting Me

- smarsh @ fromecollege.org

- Please be aware that I am only in college on Mondays. I only work 12 hours per week for FCC.
- My office does not have a telephone!
- Emails are checked most days – the address is on your letters.
Volunteers

- We have a large number of students wishing to do the award this year.
- We rely on the help of volunteers to help to supervise expeditions. Previous knowledge and experience is useful but not essential.
- Speak to me after the meeting if you think you would like to help.