

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Launch 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian/L6th,

I am writing to launch the Duke of Edinburgh gold award scheme to the current L6th.

The Duke of Edinburgh award is the world's leading achievement award for young people and brings together a range of activities which encourage young people to live life as an adventure and to try something new. The gold award encompasses five sections: physical activity; volunteering; skills (each for 1 hour per week for 12/18 months); a residential (5 days and 4 nights; completed independently) and a practice and assessed expedition. More information on the DofE award can be found on their website:

<https://www.dofe.org/>.

I would be grateful if you would consider with your child whether they would like to be involved in the gold DofE. We are going to offer two different sign up options in regards to expeditions:

Option 1 - £30

I sign your child up to the eDofE programme and support them through completing the sections but your child finds their own expedition. (Expedition options at gold level can include the following forms of transport: walking; cycling; horse riding; cycling; canoeing; paddle boarding) By googling 'open expeditions' you will see what expeditions are available.

Option 2 - £150

I sign your child up to the eDofE programme and support them through completing the sections, and the expedition will be offered by school and the method of transport will be walking. Dates for 2019 will be Easter Holidays: Saturday 30th March – Monday 1st April for the practice expedition AND Summer holidays: Saturday 29th June – Tuesday 2nd July for the assessed expedition.

All pupils will also need to attend a DofE drop-in session on a Tuesday (4:15 - 5:15pm) to set up their online eDofE profile.

If you would like your child to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, please complete and return the consent form via the google form, the deadline for responses will be Friday 7th December.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJOHP7RRztQ7vtnyx5YCwqngg9aCnU3ylisab9IW5B3bowLQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please do email me if you have any questions on
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Many thanks,
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