

25th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in registering to take part in completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. I am sure you are aware that this is an internationally recognised youth award and we are keen for our students to have the opportunity to take part.

The award enables young people to gain recognition for the time and effort they put into completing a variety of activities. The Gold award can be completed by young people over the age of 16 and they can take until their 25th birthday to complete it.

The Gold award has five sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical, Residential and Expedition. If you look at the Award website – www.DofE.org each section is explained in more detail with examples of the kind of activities that young people can undertake. We often find that the hobbies and sporting activities our students already take part in actually count towards their award. Whatever they are interested in we will do our best to find a section that it will fit into. Activities that 6th form students take part in, as their enrichment on Wednesday afternoons will also count as part of their award. It is also a valuable addition to any personal statement which shows a student is working towards their Gold DofE Award.

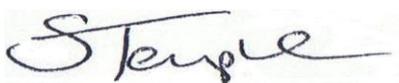
The current plan is for us to complete the expeditions next year, on Dartmoor, however we will of course be following guidance and will plan according. Dates for the diary are below:

Practice Expedition – Easter Break	Tuesday 6 th to Fri 9 th April 2021
Assessed Expedition – After exam season has finished	Friday 9 th July to Tuesday 13 th July 2021

The cost of enrolling and purchasing a Welcome Pack is £48, this includes an eDofE username. Recording evidence of activities and assessment is completed using an internet based account. This cost also covers some administration charges.

If you would like your son/daughter to be enrolled, then please go to the school website, where you will need to complete the electronic form in the parents information section under forms. As we are now a cashless Academy, you can pay the enrolment fee using the sims pay app, this you will find in the Fees and Subs section under DofE Gold Award. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the award then you can contact me at Budmouth on 01305 830545 or e-mail me at stemple@budmouth-aspirations.org or go to the Award website www.dofe.org to find out more information.

Yours sincerely



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