



THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Going for Gold 2019/2020

Thank you for your recent interest in undertaking your Gold Award at The Buckingham School. For the Award you will need to complete:

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| Gold (age 16+) | Volunteering 12 months | Physical 12 or 6 months | Skills 12 or 6 months | Expedition 4 days 3 nights | Residential 5 days 4 nights |
| | Physical and Skills sections: one section for 12 months and the other section for 6 months | | | | |
| If you didn't do Silver, you must do a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections. | | | | | |

The cost to enrol on the programme is £35; this includes your registration with DofE and a small admin fee.

Further details regarding the opportunities and costings for Residential courses can be found here: <https://www.dofe.org/residential-section/>.

Expedition:

This will be run by a company called School of Outdoors (<https://www.schoolofoutdoors.uk/dofe-gold>) and will cost £385 for 11 days and 8 nights. This includes tents, Trangias, maps and compass. This does not include any costs relating to your Residential section or for any transport to and from your Expedition or for food that you take on your Expedition.

Training: Covering Campcraft (including cooking), Navigation, First Aid and Countryside code. This will take place over one school day during the Spring Term 2020.

Practice Expedition: 25-29 May 2020 - South Wales

Expedition: 16-20 July 2020 - Brecon Beacons

If you wish to take up this opportunity, please complete the attached Enrolment Form and return to Mrs Cowley by Thursday 14 November 2019. The enrolment fee of £35 will then need to be paid via ParentMail.

Should you have any questions regarding the Award or about any of the sections please do not hesitate to contact me.

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