



Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls

26th April 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

We are delighted to be offering the **Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme** which students can start in Year 11 and continue into sixth form.

From the age of 16, students are able to register for the award and start logging their volunteering, skills and physical participation through the eDofE app or website. The cost of registering for Gold DofE is £38 and is non-refundable. Along with the expedition section, at Gold level there is also a residential section. The residential section can be completed via the National Citizenship Service (NCS) running over the summer holidays 2023 or students are able to choose their own personal residential experience. Many opportunities are listed on the Duke of Edinburgh website. Please note that all residential activities must be authorised by school before booking to ensure that they meet the requirement laid out by the award scheme.

The expedition training and qualifying section is run throughout year 12. Costs, dates and locations are yet to be confirmed, but key dates usually fall around the Easter holidays 2024 and the week prior to May half term 2024 and require travel to and from the Peak District and the Yorkshire Dales. The estimated costs of the expedition are £550 if there are sufficient students to organise groups from school. In cases where there are insufficient students to run a school group, students are able to complete the Gold expedition with Karos as part of an independent group.

In order to register for Gold, payment and/or consent will be online via the Scopay app or the school website. Please make sure the consent box is ticked. If your child receives free school meals (FSM) or you are applying for financial assistance, please also go online, tick the online consent box and in the comments box, explain that your child is in receipt of FSM or that you are applying for financial assistance and a finance assistance form will be emailed to you.

Please note that this a non-refundable registration fee only and is not a commitment to the full expedition. Information about the expedition will go out in October 2023 when students are in Year 12.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to me on ktu@suttcold.bham.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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