



Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls

25th September 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

We are delighted to be offering the **Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme** to our Year 12 students.

The full cost of the Gold DofE Award is £575. This includes the £38 DofE registration fee, use of a tent, Trangia and fuel, in school training and participation in both the practice and qualifying expeditions. The in-school training and expeditions are delivered by Karos Adventure (our licensed DofE Approved Activity Provider).

The cost also includes travel to and from the qualifying expedition in the Yorkshire Dales. For the practice expedition, students will need to arrange their own transport to and from the Peak District, and will need their own rucksack, walking boots and sleeping bag. Every participant will have access to a discount card for a number of outdoor suppliers through their online eDofE account. School do have access to a small number of rucksacks. Please advise me as soon as possible if you need one.

In order to secure a place on the trip, payment will be online via the School Gateway app or the school website. This will be live from 1st October 2024.

Karos Adventure will require parents to complete an online medical consent form. This can be accessed via the following link: www.karosadventure.com/parents-area

Payment and Medical Form Deadlines + Expedition Dates:-

Initial Deposit (Non-refundable)

£60* Gold Registration Fee & Expedition Deposit

Friday 04/10/2024

[* This reduces to a **£22** expedition deposit for those students who have already paid and registered for their Gold DofE through school]

Subsequent Payments

£155 Expedition payment

Friday 08/11/2024

£180 Expedition payment

Friday 06/12/2024

£180 Final Expedition payment

Friday 24/01/2025

Medical Form (see link above)

Wednesday 29/01/2025

Expedition Dates

In-school training:

Tuesday 25/02/2025

Training and Practice Expedition:

Sunday 13th April – Thursday 17th April 2025 (Peak District)

Gold Qualifying Expedition: Sunday 18th May - Thursday 22nd May 2025 (Yorkshire Dales)

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

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K Tunstall (DofE Manager)

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