



November 2023

The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following on from the presentation to Year 12 students last week I am pleased to be able to offer a limited number of places for the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award to students in Year 12. You do not need to have completed Silver to participate but the award would take longer to complete.

The cost of the award will be £450. This covers registration, equipment, campsite fees, first aid training, and assessor fees. A non-refundable deposit of £75 is required by 8th December 2023 with three further payments of £125 due on 1st February 2024, 1st April 2024 and 1st June 2024. All payments will be made via Parent Pay. If your child is eligible for sixth form bursary and you require financial assistance, please contact the Headteacher, Mr Maxfield.

There will be an initial meeting for students after school on 14th December 3pm - 4pm in the library to ensure all the students are registered and know what they are doing for each of the sections. Students will then take responsibility themselves for ensuring they complete their sections and upload the necessary evidence to DofE. Any student who requires additional support can contact Mrs Freeman on sfr@sslp.uk or in the library with any concerns.

After Easter there will be a further training day and two after school route planning sessions. If any students choose to enrol who have not completed Bronze or Silver Awards there will be additional after school sessions, these will be arranged directly once we know who this involves. It is a requirement to attend all of the training.



The dates for the training days and expeditions are:

Training Day - Sunday 28th April, Long Mynd

Practice Planning Session - Tuesday 14th May 3pm – 5pm, Library

Practice Expedition - Thursday 23rd May – Sunday 26th May, Peak District

Qualifier Planning Session - Tuesday 4th June 3pm – 5pm, Library

Qualifier Expedition - Monday 1st July – Friday 5th July, Snowdonia

Presentation of Expedition Goal – TBC - September 2024

It is the responsibility of the students to arrange transport for the expeditions, they are encouraged to arrange shared lifts or use the train service where possible.

All completed slips must be returned to Student Support by Friday 1st December.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Freeman

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Co-ordinator

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Student Name _____ Tutor _____

I give permission for my child to participate in The Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award and I agree to the payment requirements being added to Parent Pay. I understand the deposit is non-refundable.

Signed _____

Date _____