



Dear parent,

Enrolment for the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award 2020 onwards

Your child has expressed an interest in enrolling for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award at Tupton Hall. I'm aware you have probably experienced the Bronze and/or Silver levels so may already have a good knowledge of the D of E here.

Unlike Bronze and Silver, which have four sections (Volunteering; Skill, Physical and Expedition) Gold has an extra section – the Residential.

Gold timescales are:

- **Volunteering:** 12 months
- **Skill and Physical:** One section for 12 months, the other for 6 months

NB The above timescales are for participants who have completed their Silver award. Others, who are referred to as "Direct entrants", must complete a further 6 months, either in their volunteering or in the longer of the other two activities.

- The **Expedition** is 4 days/3 nights. It must take place in designated "Wild country" areas (e.g. Dark Peak, Snowdonia, Lake District, Yorkshire Dales)
- The **Residential** is 5 days/4 nights

At present, we are not able to guarantee that a Gold expedition will be organised in 2020. However, we would advise students to enrol for Gold and make a start on the other sections as the situation may well change.

I am only in school for a few hours each week, so I still depend heavily on e-mail to communicate with participants and parents, please feel free to contact me on IZParfitt@googlemail.com I must also remind you that at the start of expeditions, I usually collect participants' mobile phone numbers and issue my own number, for emergency contact purposes – unless parents specifically object to this procedure.

Costs:

The basic cost will be £50. This includes the following:

- Enrolment in the Award scheme + access to eDofE
- Insurance during expeditions and other official D of E activities
- An opportunity to attend any navigation training day walks that we can organise

The above basic cost does **NOT** include:

- The Practice Expedition, which is usually in the Dark Peak. The cost varies from around £70 - £90
- The Qualifying Expedition, which will be further afield. The cost is usually significantly higher for a variety of reasons (location, extra staff etc.)

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I hope I have covered all necessary issues and likely questions. Feel free to contact me if you have any other queries. Please complete and return the attached slip.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Parfitt
Temporary D of E co-ordinator

Tupton Hall Gold D of E Enrolment 2020

Please read and discuss all the information in the attached letter before signing and returning this slip.

I/we have read the D of E enrolment letter and **accept the contents**. I/we would like our son/daughter to enrol for the Gold 2020 D of E programme at Tupton Hall School.

Student's name..... Form:

Parent's name (**PRINT**):

Parent's signature:

Date:

e-mail address:
(Please write clearly or **print**)

Comments or questions: