



RUGBY
HIGH SCHOOL



GOLD AWARD
Why do it?

Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development Survey

- 67% of UK companies surveyed believed entry-level candidates with voluntary experience have more employability skills
- 82% said volunteering develops team working skills
- 80% said communication, time management and prioritisation, problem-solving, adaptability and leadership talent were also identified as key competencies with volunteering experience

CIPD Survey

- 25% The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- 22% The Prince's Trust
- 18% The Scout Association
- 17% Girlguiding

UCAS and Universities

Whilst DofE does not provide UCAS points, it will help you along the path to a productive future. As many previous participants have said, at Gold, it's life changing!

Achieving the Gold Award will give you:

- Transferable Skills
- Confidence
- An edge over others when applying for University, College or a job

Our DofE Team

Mrs Williams: DofE Lead for school and has overall oversight of the scheme. Completes the eDofE administrative requirements, manages the school side of Expeditions and offers support to students, in person and via email. Available on Tuesday's and Thursday's

Expedition School Staff Team: Mrs Williams along with:
Dr. Carr, Anna Cox, Mr Bottle – all are volunteers!

H5 Adventure is our Expedition provider

Gold Awards are Approved at DofE HO

Open to all pupils who are
16 years old

You have until your 25th
Birthday to complete your
award!



There are 4 sections to the Award:

- Volunteering
 - Skills
 - Physical
- Assessed Expedition
- Residential

Sections:

- Volunteering - 12 months
- Physical and Skills sections – One for 12 months and the other for 6 months. You can chose which is best for you

If you didn't do Silver, you must undertake a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.

Expeditions:

- Practice – 3 days/2 nights
- Qualifier - 4 days/3 nights

Residential: A shared activity in a residential setting away from home for 5 days/4 nights.

Please be aware that this is an additional cost and arranged by the participant, with support from Mrs Williams. Residential providers must be approved in advance

DATES

- **Training Day**

31st March 2024 – 9am-4pm

- **Practice Expedition** (inc. Saturday before May half term)

23rd May, 5.45am – 25th May 2024, 6-7pm approx.

- **Qualifier Expedition** (last week of the school year)

15th July, 9am – 19th July 2024, 6-7pm approx.

All dates MUST be attended

The **ESTIMATED COST** is **£653.50** per participant

The final cost will be confirmed once the sign-up number is known

This includes:

- Enrolment – DofE charge
- AAP admin, training & expedition charge
(£3.65 pp ph)
- School - kit use (rucksacks, tents, Tranga's, gas, coach, minibus etc. plus admin & eCommerce costs)

Signing Up and Paying

Complete an application - this will be emailed directly to parents/carer's on Tuesday, 26th September 2023

FINAL CUT-OFF for return
Monday 9th October 23

Places will be confirmed to parents/carer's and students via email

Starting November 23, we will request 5 monthly payments of £130.70 via ParentMail. IMPORTANT – 1st payment due immediately and they cannot be added to eDofE until this is received

No refunds will be made and so please ensure you have insurance to cover any loss due to expedition withdrawal from injury

Questions?