



PARMITER'S SCHOOL

FOUNDED 1681

Headmaster: Mr M Jones BA MEd

25 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award 2024

Your child has expressed an interest in undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Gold level.

Students who have undertaken their Silver Award do not have to complete it before enrolling for their Gold Award and may continue with the activities that they undertook for that Award. It is not a requirement that students should have done either their Silver or Bronze; they can go straight to Gold. More information will be given to students shortly and can also be found at <http://www.dofe.org/>. **The initial, non-refundable charge for enrolling on the Award is £35.00** and provides for the enrolment pack, record book and access to www.edofe.org.

The school does not run the Gold Expeditions but uses an outside provider, Peak Expeditions, for this purpose. The Practice Expedition section of the Award will take place on 30 June - 3 July 2024 in the Peak District. The Gold Final Expedition will take place on 24 - 28 September 2024 in the Yorkshire Dales. Attendance at both is mandatory. If students do not undertake their expeditions with the school, they will have until their 25th birthday to achieve their Gold Award; a number of universities and other accredited activity providers offer expedition opportunities. In addition to the Expeditions, there will be a 2 day training session at school (not staying the night) over the weekend of 23 - 24 March 2024. This training session is also mandatory.

The overall cost for the expeditions and training will be £635. Payment can be made either in full or in three instalments, but **the registration fee of £35.00 and the first instalment of £200 are due now.** The following two instalments of £200 each will become due on 1 November 2023 and 31 January 2024. Please make your payment via WisePay (under Clubs and Activities) and complete the reply slip, medical form and Peak consent form linked below. The Peak Activity consent form can also be found on Google Classroom, please ensure this is completed and returned via email to Mr Holloway (m.holloway@parmiters.herts.sch.uk). It may be possible for students to apply to Local Councillors and other bodies to seek contributions toward the cost of undertaking the Gold Award.

By paying, you are giving permission for your child to take part in the above activities. Please advise the school of any changes in health or medical conditions and emergency contact telephone numbers.

Any behaviour on any activity connected with the Award which is considered to be inappropriate will result in the student being rejected from the scheme without refund.

Please be aware that as the school makes staged payments to Peak Expeditions; should a student drop out before completing the Expedition, any reimbursement will be subject to the repayment policy of Peak Expeditions.

Yours sincerely

Mark Holloway
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

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[Medical Form](#)
[Peak Consent Form](#)

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