

22 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

## Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award 2025

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 they may continue with the section activities that they undertook for that Award. It is not a requirement that students have previously completed either their Silver or Bronze awards; they can go straight to Gold. Further information about the Gold Award requirements can be found at <http://www.dofe.org/>.

The school does not run the Gold Expeditions but uses an outside provider, Pau Expeditions, for this purpose. The Gold Practice Expedition will take place on **29 June - 2 July 2025** in the Peak District. The Gold Final Expedition will take place on **23 - 27 September 2025** in the Yorkshire Dales. Attendance at both is mandatory. If a student does not complete their expeditions with the school, they will have until their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday to achieve their Gold Award; a number of universities and other accredited activity providers offer expedition opportunities if a student wishes to complete their award after they have left Parmiter's. In addition to the Expeditions, there will be a 2-day training session at school (not staying the night) over the weekend of **22 - 23 March 2025**. This training session is also mandatory.

**The overall cost for the Gold Award registration, training and expeditions will be £690. To enrol on the Gold Award an initial deposit of £200 is due now, of which £50 is a non-refundable registration fee** which provides for the enrolment pack and access to [www.edofe.org](http://www.edofe.org). Two subsequent instalments of **£245** each will become due on **31 January** and **28 February 2025**. Please make your payment via WisePay (under Clubs and Activities) and complete the reply slip, medical form and Pau Expeditions participant consent form which are linked below. The completed Pau Expeditions consent form should be uploaded to the Gold DofE Google Classroom by the participant.

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

Any behaviour on any activity connected with the Gold 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 Pau Expeditions; should a student drop out before completing the Expedition, any reimbursement will be subject to the repayment policy of Pau Expeditions.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Cummings  
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

[Reply Slip](#)

[Medical Form](#)

[Pau Expeditions Participant Consent Form](#)

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