



THE KING ALFRED SCHOOL
AN ACADEMY

November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

The Duke of Edinburgh Award - GOLD

I'm pleased to be writing to you to give you the details of our Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) Provision for students in Year 12 and 13. The Award will consist of five elements:

- Volunteering
- Skill
- Physical
- Expedition
- Residential

About the Expedition

The Expedition section involves your young person completing a weekend hike across the countryside of Somerset and Wales.

The dates for these expeditions are:

- Training Weekend: Saturday, 18th March (training) and Sunday, 19th March 2023 (walk)
- Expedition Practice: Friday, 21st April to Sunday, 23rd April 2023
- Expedition Qualifying: Friday, 7th July to Tuesday, 11th July 2023

Each group will be issued with tents, cooking stoves, maps, and navigation equipment by us. All other equipment should be provided by the participants, including food for each of the expeditions (practice and qualifying). We do have a small number of rucksacks that can be lent out if required, and enough notice is given.

Pupils must attend planning sessions with Mr King to complete meal plans and route cards. Please keep an eye on your Google Classroom (and therefore emails) for more information. Further information on the logistics will be issued closer to the dates.

Participants will only complete the award if they complete their Assessment Expedition, if you cannot attend for any reason please speak to Mr Swaine urgently (richard.swaine@tkasa.theplt.org.uk).

Volunteering, Skill and Physical

Each of these elements need to be organised and carried out independently by the participants and independently assessed by an adult who is not a relative of the participant. We are of course on hand to assist should anyone have any questions. Attached is a list of possible suggestions for

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each section. More details will be enclosed in your welcome pack once signed up.



Costs:

The course will cost a total of £195.00 which can be paid in instalments as per the following:

- Deposit and registration fee upon signing up - £50 (non-refundable)
- Instalment one in January 2024 (Term 3) - £49
- Instalment two in March 2024 (Term 4) - £48
- Instalment three in May 2024 (Term 5) - £48

This is available to pay via the Weduc system on the school website. Financial support is always available as DofE is for everyone, please speak with Mr Swaine for further information.

This cost covers all registration fee, training weekend, basecamp fees, transport and staff for the Award. It does not cover your food which as per the award is a requirement you plan and provide yourself.

Next Steps

If you are interested in signing up for DofE, please visit the school website here for more information - <https://www.tkasa.org.uk/the-duke-of-edinburgh-award> and you can find the sign up form here –

[Gold DofE Sign Up Form](#)

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to helping your child to achieve through their DofE award. We cannot wait to get going with your young people!

Yours faithfully

Mr Richard Swaine

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