



All Hallows Catholic College

A Voluntary Academy

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Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Dear Parent / Carer

20th September 2023

We are delighted to be able to offer your Sixth form child the opportunity to complete their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award this year. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is so much more than a 'pat on the back' for completing a programme of activities. It is recognition of a young person's successful journey of self-discovery and development, renowned by employers and universities alike for the qualities young people have who've achieved a DofE Award.

It is a balanced programme that develops the whole person – mind, body and soul, in an environment of social interaction and team working. There are 4 main sections to the award which all must be completed they are: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and expedition.

For Gold, they'll need to do your programme for at least 12 months if you've achieved your Silver Award, or 18 months if they've started at Gold level without doing Silver or Bronze. The big difference at Gold is they will also do a Residential section – staying away from home for five days and four nights doing a shared activity with people they don't know.

- Volunteering section: 12 months
- Physical and Skills sections: One section for 12 months and the other section for 6 months
- Expedition section: 4 days/3 nights
- Residential section: Undertake a shared activity in a residential setting away from home for 5 days and 4 nights.
- If they didn't do Silver, you must undertake a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the.

Gold expedition dates are: 7th-10th March 2024 & 4th to 7th July 2024.

The cost for the Gold award is £495. This includes the expedition costs, certification and badges, training for the expeditions, both the practice and assessed expeditions including camp fees and equipment and trained outdoor leadership staff.

To secure a place on the Gold award we require a non-refundable deposit of £40 per student. This will cover the enrolment pack, discount card and access to the eDofE portal. There will be an option on parent pay to pay the balance in instalments.

In order for you to enrol on to the award please pay the deposit via parent pay by 31st October 2023.

If you have any question please feel free to contact me. My email is s.barron@allhallows.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mr Scott Barron



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Co-operation

Stewardship