



24 September 2021

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Duke of Edinburgh's Award Enrolment – Gold Award (Sixth Form Students)

We are pleased to be able to offer all sixth form students the opportunity to enrol onto the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. For information and introductory videos about the award please visit the DofE page on the school website: <https://www.stjohns.excalibur.org.uk/life-at-st-johns/duke-of-edinburgh/>

The Gold expedition has a 5 Day training expedition and a 5 day qualifying expedition which is arranged through our expedition company, BXM: <https://www.bxmoutdoors.com/>

Prices and dates for the expedition can be found on the BXM website and will include:

5 Day Training / Practice Expedition

- Day 1 - Arrival time approx. 2pm. The afternoon will be spent completing route plans and conducting campsite based training.
- Day 2 - A full day of instructor led training.
- Day 3-5 - Participants begin their practice expedition where they are remotely supervised by instructors.

5 Day Qualifying Expedition

- Day 1 - Arrival time approx. 2pm. The afternoon will be spent completing route plans and conducting campsite based training.
- Day 2-5 - Participants begin their qualifying expedition where they are remotely supervised by instructors for the duration of the expedition.

All the above includes the following:

- Instructors and Assessors
- Tents
- Stoves (Participants are to provide their own mess tins.)
- Gas
- Maps
- Camp fees
- Training resources
- Green or Red Forms
- 24hour 0800 support number for parents
- Risk assessments

Locations for the expeditions are held in a variety of locations and dates; these can be booked directly through BXM; <https://bxmlearning.co.uk/open-expeditions/>

Students still working towards previous awards (Bronze/Silver) are expected to have completed these Awards before commencing the Gold. You have until you are 25 years old to complete all DofE awards.

Once applications have been submitted, students can begin to plan for and work towards each section of their award. We will meet with participants to explain the process/guidelines and to provide support and advice to students.

If your son/daughter would like to enrol then please complete the enrolment form via this link: [Gold DofE Electronic Enrolment Form 2021](#) and the deposit payment (**£48**) **Payment should be made online through ParentPay.** *If you have mislaid your log in details please contact Mrs Pauline Marshall-Thomas via email PMarshall-Thomas@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk. Please note that this £48 towards registration, license and admin fees is non-refundable.*

After the initial deposit, you will be advised how to make further payments to our expedition provider (BXM) and you will be provided with dates for the expeditions.

In case of financial hardship, support is available from the Opportunities Fund and a letter to The Principle will be dealt with confidentially and sympathetically. If applying for support, please apply regarding the total cost of enrolment and admin fee as well as the training and expedition costs, as only one award will be made for the full course.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Miss M Lamport
DofE Manager

Please contact Mr Anderson whilst I am on maternity leave: CAnderson@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk