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 **Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme Gold Award 2026**

**Fulford School**

Dear Parent/Carer

Within the school we are offering the DofE Award at Gold Level in a way that allows committed participants to complete the award within two years. More information for parents and participants is available at [www.dofe.org.uk](http://www.dofe.org.uk). The Expedition section is being delivered by a non-profit making company, Mid Yorks Expedition Community Interest Company (Ian and Rachel Turnbull).

The cost is £525, paid via ParentPay. It can be paid in instalments, but we will need a (non-refundable) minimum payment of £60 by 1st October 2025 to enrol your child onto the national DofE scheme. The rest should be paid by 1st March 2026. This covers the training and mentoring of the participant. It also covers the expedition section which includes: transport; use of equipment; accommodation; appropriate external supervision and assessment. School will explore funding from grants and may be able to support vulnerable students with costs of equipment and activities.

There is also an individual 5 day residential requirement which is separate from the expeditions. The cost of the residential depends upon the choice of the individual residential. It need not cost anything.

Whilst there are shorter timescales for students who have completed the Silver Award, to complete the Gold programme, it is also possible for new participants to start at Gold level as direct entries if they have a good level of walking fitness and determination.

The provisional dates for this year are:

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| 20th October 2025 3.30 – 4.30Venue - TBA | Introduction to Gold ProgrammeLogging on to eDofE and filling in details |
| 10th February 2025 3.30 – 4.30Venue | Expedition preparationGroups, kit, food and route. |
| Provisionally 16th – 18th JuneMeet at 8.30am  | Practice Expedition – North Yorkshire Moors. 3 days. |
| 1st – 5th SeptemberMeet at 3pm | Qualifying Expedition - a preliminary half day and then a 4 day expedition in the Yorkshire Dales. |



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Please return the following to the main school Office by 1st October:

* the Enrolment Form
* the Medical Form
* a minimum payment of £60 paid on the school ParentPay system.

In future, we (Ms Goodall or Ian and Rachel Turnbull) will contact the Parents/Carers of the participants directly via the parental email address that you write on the enrolment form.

Please direct any enquires relating to the scheme to me at goodalll@fulford.york.sch.uk

Please direct any enquires relating to the expedition to Ian and Rachel at **myexpeds@gmail.com**

Yours faithfully

Ms Goodall

***REFUNDS***

*Participant withdrawal- If a participant cannot proceed with the programme for any reason, we prefer to offer alternative dates but as an alternative, we can offer:*

*Before March 31st – 70% refund, before July 31st – 35% refund*