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Monday, 11th September 2017

Dear Potential Participants and Parents/Guardians,

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S GOLD AWARD – LETTER 1 OF 5

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme run is available at Ripon Grammar School. It is open to any pupil who attends the school who is committed and interested in their own personal development.

Since The Duke of Edinburgh award began in 1956, the DofE Award has been dedicated to the personal development of young people from all backgrounds. With the widest reach of any UK youth charity, 275,000 young people undertake inspiring DofE programmes to achieve Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards every year.

Registration of Interest - If you are interested please complete the form at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SLGJ7QM> before **Friday 22nd September** to be considered for a place. There are a total of 28 places available. Places will be chosen at random from the pool of applicants that meet the deadline. If your application is unsuccessful you will be placed on the waiting list.

Training & Expedition Dates 2018:

School based training sessions will take place during Wednesday afternoon enrichment. Please ensure that you are available on Wednesdays (although it is possible to combine other volunteering opportunities with doing the DofE Award) and can make the dates below before applying:

TRAINING at EAST BARNBY	24 th & 25 th March 2018
PRACTICE EXPEDITION	11 th - 14 th April 2018
QUALIFYING EXPEDITION	22 nd - 26 th July 2018

Please note that it will be your responsibility to get to East Barnby and to the starting point of each expedition.

Each participant will be given a **Welcome Pack** that records their attendance, training and development throughout the level of the award. The cost for this is detailed overleaf. £5 of this is held by the Licensed Organisation and the rest is passed to the DofE charity and amongst other things, insures each young person for the expeditions. Expeditions provided through school must be self-financing and these costs are detailed over the page.

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Training

Training will take place both during Wednesday afternoon enrichment on a residential training weekend and includes training on:

- *First Aid and Emergency Procedures*
- *Awareness of risk and Health & Safety*
- *Navigation and Route-planning*
- *Campcraft, Equipment and Hygiene*
- *Food and Cooking*
- *County, Highway & Water sports Codes*
- *Observation, Recording & Presentation*
- *Team-Building*
- *Proficiency in the mode of travel*

A couple of days training are scheduled to ensure that you have the practical skills and competences to allow you to undertake your practice expedition. A practice expedition and an assessed expedition will also be undertaken and you will be travelling unaccompanied with remote supervision (4 days / 3 nights at Gold). The Supervisors will be looking at your competence in navigation, camp craft and teamwork. They will need to be confident in your abilities to enable you to complete your final expedition safely. Should they feel you need extra training or supervision we will discuss this with you and arrange further opportunities for you to practice before your actual assessed expedition. The expeditions will include walking in open country and wild country areas, namely areas of the Yorkshire Dales, North York Moors or Lake District. Camping is generally at campsites, but sometimes campsites may only have a tap and cooking is by camping stove.

Expedition Costing

All prices are approximate, per person and based on seven people in each group (the maximum allowed by DofE) undertaking the expedition on foot.

Welcome & Registration Pack	£40
Training	£50
Practice Expedition	£110
<u>Actual Expedition</u>	<u>£140</u>
TOTAL Payable	£340 (only if all 28 places are filled)

Other costs: Transport to and from the start of the expedition and food.

A note of risk from the BMC - Participants, parents and guardians should recognise that adventurous outdoor sports are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions.

If you are unsure as to what is entailed in any part of the training or during expeditions please do not hesitate to ask me or those who have already undertaken the award. Please also take the time to look through the website www.DofE.org to find out more information and if you should have any questions, please contact me at hightonj@ripongrammar.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Highton



