



Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Dear Parent / Guardian

Giles Academy is justifiably proud of the successful Character Education programme, with Giles Adventure being recognised by Ofsted as instrumental in the all-round personal development of our students.

We are pleased that your son/daughter has expressed an interest in continuing their journey by progressing to the Silver level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award which will be a major benefit in the future when applying for college, university or employment. It is highly regarded in the workplace, placing young people who have completed DofE at a distinct advantage over their peers. Further information about the Award can be found on their website www.dofe.org

Again there are four sections to complete; Volunteering, Skill, Physical, and an Expedition, spread over 6 to 12 months. We generally find that many students are already participating in a range of activities which count towards it, requiring little extra effort other than to record their achievements. Advice and guidance will be given to students who struggle to find suitable activities that can qualify for some sections of the award.

In order to meet the criteria for the Expedition, students must complete both a 2 day practice and a 3 day qualifying expedition, in different locations. We intend to complete the practice expeditions before the end of this term, therefore a quick response would be appreciated in order to finalise arrangements and register the students for the award.

We are especially pleased to subsidise this opportunity and offer it to students at an unbeatable **£45** total, towards both expeditions and the registration.

So that we have up to date, correct contact details and medical information, could you please complete the **Online Medical Form**, and pay the £45 contribution using "Parentpay" as soon as possible.

The Academy will provide camping stoves and tents for all students. Waterproof clothing, boots, compass, rucksack and sleeping bag are available to borrow if required. As with all expeditions, students are responsible for providing their own food.

A recommended Kit List is provided to ensure that everyone is adequately prepared for the anticipated weather conditions. The Academy does not accept responsibility for personal possessions, mobile phones, chargers, cameras etc.

More detailed information, including the Medical Form and the Kit List, is available on our website www.gilesacademy.co.uk/Silver-DofE

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

Yours faithfully

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