



## Silver DofE Expeditions

Dear Parent / Guardian

We are pleased that your son/daughter has confirmed their interest in progressing to the Silver level of the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

In order to meet the criteria for the Expedition section, 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 to minimise impact on their valuable learning time closer to the public examination period.

### Practice Expeditions – Lincolnshire Wolds - 2 Days

Students on the first expeditions will need to be at the Academy at normal time on **Monday 15 October** and we estimate returning back to Giles at approximately 5pm on **Tuesday 16 October**. Students on the second set of expeditions arrive normal time on **Thursday 18 October**, returning approximately 5pm on **Friday 19 October**. Parents will be informed in the event of any changes to the return time.

### Qualifying Expeditions – Derbyshire, White Peak District - 3 days

Full details and timings will be forwarded following successful completion of the practice expeditions.

All of the trips will be led by our own Supervisors and Assessors who are authorised to deliver the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, are experienced in outdoor pursuits and have been running expeditions both in the UK and abroad for many years.

Thank you to those parents who have already completed the Medical Form and made the payment. If you have not already done so, 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](http://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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