



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award

With the success of **Giles Adventure**, as highlighted by Ofsted, our Character Education programme offers young people the chance to experience new activities, grow in confidence and develop useful skills for life. This now continues with a range of rewarding and challenging activities as part of the curriculum which can count towards the **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award**. It will also benefit students in the future when they are 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

There are four sections to complete for the Bronze Award, Volunteering, Skill, Physical and Expedition. We generally find that most students are already participating in many activities which count towards it, requiring little extra effort other than to record their achievements. There are also activities at school in which students already participate, that can also qualify for sections of the award.

Giles Academy, as a **Directly Licenced Centre**, was pleased to be part of a UK-wide trial for participants completing their Bronze programme. With students having been thoroughly trained, the requirement now is that they only need to complete the Qualifying (assessed) Expedition, but not have to undertake a Practice Expedition beforehand.

Giles Academy are pleased to offer this opportunity at the heavily subsidised cost of £15.

Preliminary expedition training

This will take place in school on **Wednesday 11th September**. It will involve two intensive sessions learning about First Aid and map reading which are essential preparation for a successful expedition. During the rest of the day when students are not undertaking training they will be in lessons as normal. Students should still be in school uniform, starting and finishing at normal school times. Further Sessions focusing on camp craft, cooking and equipment will be completed during afternoon registrations.

Qualifying (Assessed) Expedition

Following successful completion of the training, the **Qualifying Expeditions** will be in the Lincolnshire Wolds over 2 days, camping overnight in Spilsby.

Tutor Group	Date
10SPC	16-17 September
10SS	19-20 September
10JT	23-24 September
10ABL	26-27 September
10MV	30 September – 1 October
10DC	3-4 October
10FMI	7-8 October
10CKY	10-11 October

Students should arrive at school on the first day at the normal time and assemble in the mobiles, where equipment can be checked and borrowed if necessary. By turning up to the school in the outdoor clothing, we can immediately see that everyone has the correct kit and will save a great deal of time on arrival, allowing us to start our walk quickly.

On the final day they should be available for collection after **3.30pm** from the rear playground. In the event of us returning to school earlier, students may travel home on the buses but will not be permitted to leave the school site before 3.10pm.

Food

Students will need to provide their own food (Day 1 Lunch, Day 1 Evening meal, Day 2 Breakfast & Day 2 Lunch). As part of their training, students will have had it explained and demonstrated to them about the appropriate types of food that they should take for the meals. They do need to remember that they will need to carry their food, therefore will need to consider the weight of it and also remember that it is also important to drink plenty.

Kit List

There is a comprehensive equipment list on the school website. We do have a range of waterproof clothing, boots, rucksacks and sleeping bags to lend. If borrowing a rucksack, kit can be brought into school in any bag and then repacked. The school will provide tents, rollmats and cooking equipment.

Please complete the **Online Medical Form**, and pay the **£15** contribution using **“Parentpay”**.

More detailed information, including the medical form, kit list and link to **“Parentpay”**, are available on our website **www.gilesacademy.co.uk/Bronze-DofE**

Yours faithfully

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