



29 November 2019

Dear Parent

### **Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award**

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a prestigious qualification, highly regarded by employers and universities. Currently there are over fifty students in our sixth form working towards their Gold Award. We are pleased to be able to continue to offer students the opportunity to complete the Gold Award. This will now be open to Year 11 students planning to stay at Emmanuel in the sixth form. There are, however, a limited number of places available on the scheme.

The Gold Award involves the completion of five sections of work:

- Volunteering** - an hour a week for at least 12 months should be dedicated to serving others
- Skill** - an hour a week should be dedicated to developing a skill
- Physical** - an hour a week should be dedicated to developing proficiency in a physical activity

The commitment to Volunteering, Skill and Physical may be split in one of four ways:

	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Option 3</b>	<b>Option 4</b>
Skill	6 months	18 months	12 months	6 months
Physical	18 months	6 months	6 months	12 months
Volunteering	12 months	12 months	18 months	18 months

Note – Those who have completed their Silver Award will only need to complete 12 months for their longest section rather than 18 months.

Commitment to the sections above can be spread over a long period of time, and students are able to take a break during examination periods. Any time missed during a break can be made up by lengthening the time span of the commitment or giving extra hours of commitment over a number of weeks. Any section requiring a commitment of eighteen months should be started in the first month after the participant's sixteenth birthday. The aim is for students to have completed their Award by the end of April in Year 13.

### **Expedition**

This section requires the student to plan and complete a four-day hike in wild country, which usually covers a distance of approximately 50 miles. Students must carry all their kit with them, and this externally assessed expedition will involve camping for at least three nights. Training for the expedition takes place during sixth form physical education lessons from January until July in Year 12. There is a training expedition over three days which usually takes place just before Easter in Year 12, followed by a three-day practice expedition in early July. These expeditions are mandatory and they progress students to the level of the final expedition, which takes place during the first few weeks of Year 13.

After completion of their expedition, students are required to make an assessed presentation about their expedition.

All students partaking in expedition training will be expected to provide the following equipment:

- waterproof

- walking boots
- walking socks
- sleeping bag

The College holds a stock of rucksacks and roll mats for those who cannot provide their own. College will also provide all tents, stoves, survival shelters, maps and compasses.

### **Residential**

This section requires students to independently carry out meaningful activity in a residential setting for a minimum of five days. It is suggested that students complete this section during the summer holidays at the end of Year 11 or Year 12.

For further details regarding the Award it is recommended that you visit the website [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org).

Students who are accepted for the Award will initially be required to pay £29 in order to enrol with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and receive an entrance pack. In December 2020 those students who are making good progress to complete all other sections of the Award will be offered a place in the expedition group and will then be required to pay a further £110 in order to cover transport costs for the three expeditions, campsite and toilet hire fees for the first expedition and the cost of an assessor for the final expedition. Students will then be liable for the cost of camping on the final two expeditions (£15-£25 depending upon choice of campsites) and the purchase of their own expedition food and cooking fuel.

Completion of a Gold Award will require exceptional commitment but this will bring many rewards, developing expertise not only in their sectional areas but also improving teamwork whilst building confidence and character.

If your son/daughter plans to return to Emmanuel in the sixth form, and they are interested in taking the Award, they should return the completed enrolment form below together with the signed DofE contract **by Monday 9 December**.

A request for the initial payment will be made of successful applicants, via ParentPay, after this date.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me at College.

Yours sincerely

S Leonard  
**Award Manager & Head of Outdoor Activities**

## GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD – ACCEPTANCE CONTRACT

You may start completing activities for your Award on your sixteenth birthday. You will be able to use eDofE as soon as you have log in details and have turned sixteen.

I understand that by initially enrolling on the course there is no promise of expedition training or an assessed expedition unless the following conditions are met.

1. When required, eDofE tutorial sessions will be attended.
2. Within 4 weeks of receiving eDofE log in details I will have submitted a plan for my 18-month section and had it approved by my DofE tutor and I will have started this activity.
3. Within 8 weeks of receiving eDofE log in details I will have submitted evidence on eDofE to show that I am making progress with my 18-month section. This evidence will include an up to date copy of my activity log.
4. By 1 October 2020 I will have submitted a plan for my 12-month section, had it approved by my DofE tutor and I will have started this activity.
5. By 1 November 2020 I will have submitted evidence on eDofE to show that I am making progress with my 12-month section. This evidence will include an up to date copy of my activity log.
6. By 1 December 2020 I will have submitted a plan for my 6-month section, and had it approved by my DofE tutor.
7. By 1 December 2020 I will have submitted a plan for my residential section, and had it approved by my DofE tutor.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

### **Expedition Dates**

The training and practice expeditions are mandatory as the DofE will not insure students to participate in a final expedition unless all expedition training and a practice has been completed.

The likely dates for expeditions are:-

Training :- 17-21 March 2021

Practice :- 30 June - 3 July 2021

Assessed :- 21-25 September 2021

These are provisional dates and could change to a week earlier or a week later, however, you will be informed as soon as they are confirmed.

# DofE Participant Enrolment Form

Please print clearly in CAPITALS or type your details in. You must complete all of the questions.

## DofE Centre and group details (if you know them):

DofE Centre: EMMANUEL COLLEGE	DofE group: GOLD 2019-22
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## DofE level:

Bronze <input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input type="checkbox"/> Gold <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you registered for any previous levels of the DofE? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES – please give the name of the DofE Centre you were registered at: eDofE ID number (if known) :

## Personal details:

First name:	Last name:
Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth:        /        /
Primary language English <input type="checkbox"/> Welsh <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date you wish to start your DofE programme if known (enrolment date):        /        /	

When you first sign in to eDofE you will be asked to record some personal details such as your contact details, ethnicity and personal circumstances along with details of any medical needs you may have. This data is used to enable your Leaders to support you doing your DofE programme and for the DofE's statistical and reporting purposes. You will always have a 'prefer not to say' option.

## Contact details:

Email address:	
Address (line1):	
Address (line 2):	
Town/City:	
County:	Postcode:
Telephone:	Mobile number:

## Emergency contact details:

Emergency Contact name:	Relationship to you:
Emergency contact telephone number(s):	

## Declaration:

I agree to enrol as a participant on a DofE programme. I understand that I will be managing my programme using the online eDofE system. I acknowledge that this system has a set of terms and conditions that I agree to. These terms and conditions are available at [www.eDofE.org](http://www.eDofE.org)

Print Name	Signature	Date
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**Consent to enrol from parent or guardian (if applicant is under 18 years old).**

I agree to my son / daughter / ward doing a DofE programme. I note that it is my responsibility to check that any activity my son / daughter / ward undertakes for their DofE programme is appropriately managed and insured, unless the activity is directly managed or organised by their DofE group, centre or Licensed Organisation.

Print Name	Signature	Date
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**Note:**

Data supplied on this form and in eDofE and information about DofE activities recorded in eDofE will be used by the DofE Charity, the Licensed Organisation and DofE centre to monitor and manage DofE participation and progress by young people and manage and support Leaders.

The DofE Charity will use personal data to communicate useful and relevant information to either help participants complete a DofE programme, Leaders/LOs to run DofE programmes more effectively or help the DofE Charity to improve the quality and breadth of its programmes.

Occasionally the DofE Charity may send you information relating to commercial offers. If you do not wish to receive commercial information from the DofE Charity you can choose not to by amending your contact preferences in your eDofE profile at any time.

**For Licensed Organisation/Centre administration only:**

Date registered onto eDofE	/ /
Expected start date	/ /
Participant Fee received	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Username	
User ID number	