



Gold Parents Information Evening

OUR TEAM

The following 3 people are our key members which form a team of over 20 Volunteer Leaders



PHIL HULBERT

Gold Expedition Coordinator

Gold Award Holder

Phil has run the DofE award in Doncaster for 32 years. There anything that he doesn't know by now!!



MELISSA DE CAROLIS
DofE Manager – Ridgewood

Main contact for Post 16

Lots of years supervising Expeditions
Melissa holds a regular afternoon drop-in session for Students

★ Top 5 Reasons to Do Gold DofE ★

1. It Looks Great on Your CV or Uni Application

Gold shows you've stuck at something tough. It tells employers, colleges, and unis that you're committed, hardworking, and can take on a challenge.

2. Boost Your Confidence & Independence

You'll try new things, meet new people, and prove to yourself what you're capable of. You'll come out more confident and ready for adult life.

3. Learn Skills That Actually Matter

Teamwork. Time management. Problem-solving. Communication. You'll build all these and more—skills that help in jobs, interviews, and life in general.

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4. Make New Friends & Amazing Memories

From your expedition to the residential, you'll meet loads of new people and have unforgettable experiences. Some say it's the best part of their DofE journey.

5. Get Invited to a Royal Palace!

Finish Gold and you'll be invited to a special celebration—often at a royal palace or castle—to recognise your achievement. It's a day you'll never forget!

"Master your mind, and your legs will follow."

Phil's favourite quote!!!

What is involved?

We appreciate it is GCSE time so there is no commitment to do anything towards their Gold unless they want to?

- If they are doing sport or something that counts as a skill, then why not record it and make it count!!
- But remember they can only start when they are 16

However, there is the Gold Training Weekend which will be after their Mock Exams – usually this is a bit of light relief following weeks of revision and exams

Our promise to you is we won't bother them until after the exams finish!!

Expedition Dates

Proposed Dates 2026

**Gold Training 6th - 9th
March 2026**

**Gold Practice 29th – 31st
August 2026**

**Gold Assessment 18th –
21st September 2026**



**YOUTH
WITHOUT
LIMITS**



Training Weekend

Improving their health
and fitness and having
fun along the way!

Presentation Skills
Teamwork
Problem solving
Advanced navigation



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Peat Rigg

Developing existing skills or discovering new things to love

- All rooms are ensuite
- All meals are provided
- Split into Male and Female houses





Expedition – Now the hard work starts 😊

- Practice 3 nights 3 days
North Yorkshire Moors
- Assessment 3 nights 4 days – in the Yorkshire Dales
- Keep the kit for the practice & Assessment



Costs....

We have tried to keep costs to an absolute minimum especially with the cost of living - The cost of the Expedition section is £260.00 but we are having to look at increasing this slightly due to replacements of equipment etc.

- £70.00 will be held as a non-refundable deposit payable by the 1st October 2025
- Our preferred way to pay this is by Direct Debit and will be broken down as follows
- 10 payments of £19.00 starting on either the 15th November
- If you still want to pay it in lump sums – Please can you pay the deposit of £70 by the 1st October a second payment of £70.00 by the 1st March 2026 and then the balance by the 15th August 2026

Gold Residential – 5th section

A 'Residential' for Gold DofE means a programme that spends 5 days and 4 nights away from home on a shared activity with people that you have never met before. Your residential can have any focus or include any activities that they wish, as long as it meets the above criteria.

- Opportunity Finder – Loads of examples/links to what can be done
- Any local ones I come across posted on our website/Facebook

Or look on

<https://legerdofe.com/gold-residentials>

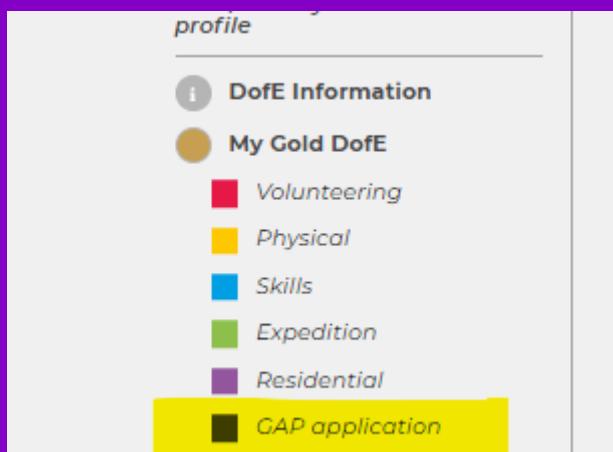
GAP – Gold Award Presentations



Usually held at either
Buckingham Palace Gardens –
May time

Or
The Palace of Holyrood House
in Edinburgh early July

We normally go to Edinburgh



Please fill in the **Gap Application** as early as possible

If its not filled in we cannot verify the Award until this is done

How to enrol?

The Cost is £38.50

<https://legerdofe.com>



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Getting started

Are you ready
to support your
child/young person
to start an adventure
they'll never forget?

To get started speak to
Melissa de Carolis or Alex
Wilson

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 CandR DofE Parents Information Group



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