



# 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 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>  
March 2026

Gold Practice 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>  
August 2026

Gold Assessment 18<sup>th</sup> –  
21<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> November
- If you still want to pay it in lump sums – Please can you pay the deposit of £70 by the 1<sup>st</sup> October a second payment of £70.00 by the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 and then the balance by the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026

# Gold Residential – 5<sup>th</sup> 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

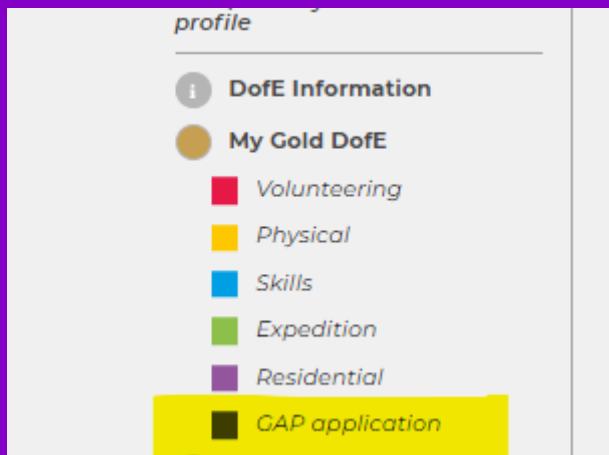


Usually held at either  
Buckingham Palace Gardens –  
May time

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>



**Leger DofE Team**

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<https://legerdofe.com>





# 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

 @DofeCandr

 CandR DofE Parents Information Group



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