

KING EDWARD VI ASTON SCHOOL

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award 2018

Gold timescales:

- Volunteering section: 12 months
- Physical and Skills sections: One section for 12 months and the other section for 6 months
- Expedition section: 4 days/3 nights
- Residential section: Undertake a shared activity in a residential setting away from home for 5 days and 4 nights.
- *If you didn't do Silver, you must undertake a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.*

Dates for Diaries

Training for the practice and qualifying expeditions will take place on **Saturday & Sunday, 9th February & 10th February 2019 from 10.00am-4.00pm**. On both days students will **not** need to wear school uniform but will need to make arrangements to be brought to, and collected from:

Day one Youth Centre Clifton Road Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B736EB

The students will undertake navigation and campcraft training in Sutton Park and so must bring a **waterproof coat, warm clothing and sensible footwear on Day one** as well as enough food and drink each day, packed in a rucksack on Day one to carry in Sutton Park.

Day two at school

Students should also ensure that they bring general writing equipment on both days.

Expeditions

If you have not completed Bronze or Silver award you will need to two extra days training 11 and 12th April 2019.

Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th May 2019 Practice expedition

Route planning for the qualifying expedition will take place on **Tuesday 7th May 2019 from 2.00-5.30pm**.

Gold Qualifying Expedition Monday 15th – Friday 19th July

After school session

1st Thursday week 2 September tbc 2019 1.50pm -3.35pm

Each Group will give a presentation on their expedition aim; all participants must attend the presentation for their group.

Attendance at all training sessions is essential. Non-attendance for reasons other than illness is likely to result in the student not being able to continue on the scheme.

Further details will be available on the **School website** under Duke of Edinburgh

Students must appreciate that when off-site they are representing the school and **exemplary** behaviour will be expected at all times. Students exhibiting inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour and/or whose actions result in damage to equipment will be required to meet any replacement costs and may not be allowed to continue on the scheme.

For both the practice & qualifying expeditions parents are responsible for:

Ensuring their son is at the starting point at the agreed time.

Information of Camp addresses will be posted on the school website under Parents Duke of Edinburgh prior to each expedition.

Ensuring that their son is properly equipped (an equipment list will be issued at the Training weekend and will be available on the school web site).

If you wish your son to participate in the award please return the following documents to Mrs Concannon by Friday, 28th September 2018 using the student post box by the main school office.

- i. A completed participant enrolment form (attached)
- ii. A payment for Gold £458.00 which can be paid in instalments, the school preferred method is through Parent Pay. **Please note this will not appear on your parentpay until you return the enrolment form .**
- iii. Although cheques will still be accepted (made payable to King Edward VI Aston School). Please write your son's name & form on the back of the cheque. & "Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award"

No student will be prevented from participating in the award due to financial hardship. Parents who would find it difficult to make a contribution should contact Mr Parker at c.parker@keaston.bham.sch.uk at the earliest opportunity. Please email B.Piper@Keaston.bham.sch.uk if you are entitled to FSM or Albion Trust.

A Personal Equipment Order Hire Form is available on the school website

The school will provide tents, stoves and fuel. All personal equipment is the responsibility of parents and students and an equipment list will be issued at the Training weekend. Personal equipment (rucksacks, sleeping bags, roll mats) can be hired from Big Strides Consulting Ltd. **This FORM must be returned to Mrs Concannon via the student post box by Monday, 11th February 2019 payment will be made through parent pay or with cheques (made payable to "King Edward VI Aston School".)** Equipment will be given out at the Campsite. If you have ordered Personal Equipment this will also be given out at the Campsite please bring a Holder with you for your personal items this will be return to you for your journey home.