



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL
An Academy Trust

8 July 2016

Dear Parents and Students

I am delighted to be able to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award this academic year. This level of the award is open to all year 12 students.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award is compiled of 5 sections; Volunteering, Skill, Physical, Expedition and Residential. Before enrolling I would like to highlight to you that the award does require a level of commitment. The award will take a minimum of 12 months to complete with an average of 1 hour per week spent on the voluntary, physical and skills sections. These activities are chosen by the participants and can be something new or something already pursued by the participant. The DofE leaders in school will help and advise the students to ensure the activity chosen is suitable and to find a suitable residential experience. The expedition section is organised by BXM Expeditions in partnership with the school.

The dates of the expedition have been chosen to avoid important times within the terms and in an effort to build a sustainable program, students will need to attend a training/practice expedition during October, which will take place in The Brecon Beacons. The Qualifying expedition will take place in Snowdonia during July. Transport will be provided by school for the practice expedition.

The total cost of the DofE Gold Award, including enrolment and expeditions will be £500.00. The first payment of £250 must be paid by the 1st September with the remaining £250 to be paid by the 30th May 2017. All payments are non-refundable after the due dates.

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an invaluable experience and recognition of hard work, commitment, self-discipline and employability. We encourage all participants to take part and complete the award to help enhance and evidence such key skills.

To apply to the programme you will need to complete the attached pro-forma and return it along with the enrolment/expedition fee to the school office. The deadline for all the applications is Monday 18th July 2016.

I would advise that interested applicants research the programme at www.dofe.org.

Yours sincerely

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