



GIGGLESWICK
SCHOOL

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify and explain the different opportunities and pathways for completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award available at Giggleswick School. The award involves completion of four sections at Silver level (Service, Physical, Skill and Expedition) with an additional Residential section at Gold level. All these sections should be completed through co-curricular activities, ie. not part of a normal school day. The timescales involved are outlined in the Student Planner which all students receive at the beginning of term.

Year 9

From September 2018, all Year 9 pupils will start the **Bronze** award, completing the expedition training and assessment during the Giggleswick Certificate. Pupils should be able to complete the award before the end of the academic year if they make full use of co-curricular clubs and activities, and find a suitable volunteering option, either within or outside school. The registration cost of £21 can be added to the school bill.

Year 10 and above

Pupils can enrol for **Silver** in Year 10 once they have completed Bronze. The advantage of this is that their volunteering option, often the hardest to complete, can be reduced from 12 to 6 months compared to direct entrants.

Pupils can enrol for the **Gold** Award on their sixteenth birthday either as direct entrants or once they have completed Silver and can thus start either part way through Year 11 or at the start of Year 12, including pupils new to the school.

NB It is extremely important that pupils fully complete an award before moving onto the next level.

All sections, apart from the expedition, can be achieved through any number of after-school clubs and activities within the co-curricular framework. Friday afternoons provide an ideal opportunity for volunteering through activities such as Outdoor Pursuits, CCF, local charity shop, Junior School, Sports Department, etc.

Expeditions

Training and assessment expeditions are offered during the first four days of the October half-term and during the first week of the Easter holidays both through the Outdoor Pursuits Department or CCF. Pupils can 'mix and match' training and assessment to suit and are not tied in to one route. These expeditions (Silver training and Gold training/assessment) will take place from 21 to 24 October 2018 in the Northern Lakeland Fells. Further opportunities will be available during the week beginning 31 March 2019.

There is a flexible approach to completing the award with clear choices available to your children. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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