

Invitation to Join the Gold DofE Award at Chosen Hill School

While we know your first priority is likely to be focusing on your GCSE examinations and getting your A-Level subject choices right, I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Gold DofE Award and invite you to join (once you are 16 years old what is, without doubt, the World's best personal development programme for young people; one that is admired and respected by colleges and employers. To find out more about the Gold Award and to find the application form, please visit:

<https://www.chosenhillschool.co.uk/year-11-into-year-12--gold-award/30012.html>

You may already have expressed an interest in taking part in the Gold DofE Award if you join Chosen Hill Sixth Form in September. This is open to all Sixth Form students but places are limited.

The Gold DofE Award is run as an opt-in extra-curricular activity with training sessions generally scheduled during a mutually convenient self-directed study slot during term time but when this is not possible it will take place between 3:15 – 4:30pm on Wednesday evenings except when there is INSET training or a parents' evening.

To help you make a decision, please be advised that the costs for enrolment and the expedition training element (which the school leads on) will be **£330 (non-refundable)*** and the provisional dates for training weekend activities are:

1. Participant team selection event: 1- 4pm Sat 3rd September 2022 (G Block).
2. Attendance at the Year 13 Gold Actual Expedition Project presentation Evening: 6 – 9pm Weds 28th September 2022 (Provisional)
3. First Aid Training: 09:00 – 3:30pm Sat 14th January 2023
4. The initial skills assessment walk will be done on: 08:00 – 5pm, Sun 26th February 2023 (Local)
5. Training Weekend: 18-19th March 2023 (Introduction to wild country training weekend – Black Mountains/Western Brecon Beacons area)
6. Practice expedition: 11th – 14th April 2023 (Dartmoor)
7. Final internal assessment Weekend: 27th -28th May 2023 (Brecon Beacons – Only needed if expedition skills below expectation during Dartmoor practice expedition)
8. Assessed UK expedition: (Enrichment Week): 10th -14th July 2023 (Brecon Beacons). (Dates may change)
9. Assessed International Expedition Summer 2021: Dates: July-August 2024
10. Presentation of Expedition Projects to Parents: Date 27th Sep 2023 (Provisional)

Please ring fence these in your diary if you apply to join the Gold Award.

Next simply visit the website address above, download and fill in the Gold Award application form and submit it **to Student Finance by Friday 24th June 2022**. You will then be contacted regarding course fees and enrolment.

I am also available to be contacted directly by email if you would like to discuss any questions you might have, once you have read the information provided on the website. Simply use: IB@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

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**If payment of the course fees are problematic, still apply. A scheduled payment scheme or financial assistance may be available subject to meeting specified criteria. Please contact Student Finance, if you feel you may qualify for this assistance.*