



## DofE Gold By Mixed Mode Update and Finance Reminder

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Dear Parent/Carer

Following on from a successful enrolment your child should now have their Gold award added to their account. If this is not the case it will be for two potential reasons-

- 1) Your child has not supplied an eDofE number of the enrolment form
- 2) Has not completed the enrolment form
- 3) Your child was previously an external student and the previous school has not verified your child's previous award. If this is the case, I will have contacted their school but would appreciate parental follow up of this as well to ensure I can add your child's level promptly.

This is a brief reminder about the financial instalment plan for the year as well as Training and Expedition dates and locations.

### Finance

- 1st instalment of £45 due Friday, 13th October 2023
- 2nd instalment of £180 due Friday, 17th November 2023
- 3rd instalment of £180 due Wednesday, 17th January 2024
- 4th instalment of £180 due Sunday, 17th March 2024

This means at this stage we should have received a total of £45. If you have already paid this amount or greater please disregard this section of the email. If you need to discuss this instalment plan, please do not hesitate to contact [finance@strs.org.uk](mailto:finance@strs.org.uk).

### Expedition Training Location and Dates

Please be aware students will have to make their own way to the start point via train or other transport so are responsible for booking train tickets to the station.

- Practice Expedition: Hay on Wye and Black Mountains on Thursday, 2 - Monday 6 May 2024.

Drop off point and time to be confirmed nearer the expedition.

- Assessed Expedition: Lake District, Langdale and Grasmere Valleys on Friday, 22 - 26 July 2024.

Drop off point and time to be confirmed nearer the expedition.

- Presentation of Purpose to assessors: At the completion of their Assessed Expedition

### eDofE Queries

#### Reminder of how to get assessor reports submitted

Your child will **not** need an assessor to complete a report for them until they have completed their timescales. Thinking ahead though this is something that children find incredibly difficult to do and it blocks them from finishing their award purely due to administration. Once your child has chosen what they would like to do for their section please encourage them to supply their assessor with the following information-

ID Number- This is on their eDofE account

Section- Physical, Volunteering, Skill or Residential

Level- Gold

Where the assessor should submit the report- [Assessor's Report - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](https://www.dofe.org)

Please ensure that the dates on the assessor report match their eDofE account and do cover the full time.

#### Gold Section Submission

Please can your child submit all their section activities for approval before the end of half term (except the expedition section, I will fill this in near the time).

My gold students will chase any students that have not submitted their section for approval with assessor details

after half term. Please note, **Assessors cannot be under 18 or relatives (including step relatives) due to conflict of interest.**

Any queries please do email me.

Best wishes

Mrs Rigby-Smith

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