

17<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parent/Carers,

**RE: Gold DofE**

There will be regular meetings for the Year 12 and Year 13 Gold students on Fridays at 12:15 in Sixth Form room Year 7. With the Gold practice for Year 12 in March and the assessed expedition for Year 13 in July, all the preparation and planning needs to be started early.

Silver and Bronze Levels

The first activity underway is to complete the Programme Planners and then both groups will progress to expedition training. The Silver expedition will be on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of March over the Wiltshire Downs. For Bronze the training expedition will be at Chelwood with walking between Chelwood and Keynsham on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March.

- The Bronze group will meet in the Refectory on Tuesday afternoons
- Silver group will meet at Hayesfield Girls School Upper Oldfield Park campus rooms W1 and W2 from 3.30pm on a Wednesday

Staff will be available at the Pavilion Humanities on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and again all day on Friday to answer questions about DofE or any of the activities in the sections.

Volunteering

Wellow Trekking Centre are looking for volunteers to help with their Riding for the Disabled programme if anyone is looking for an opportunity.

Skills

Similarly, a few Bronze level students at Hayesfield School are looking to complete a St John Ambulance Young First Aider course at the school and more students are needed to make up the numbers. This would be on a Thursday or Friday afternoon after school. If you are interested then contact the DofE staff.

Kind Regards,

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**DofE Manager**