

11th September 2025

Dear Students & Parents,

Following our launch event, students are now able to sign-up to complete their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award through Ashby school. If you were unable to attend the launch event, students are still able to sign up and the presentation that provides more information about the award can be found on our website [here](#).

To sign your young person up for the award, you are required to complete the Microsoft form linked below by the **19th September 2025**:

<https://forms.office.com/e/g3b2cm649M>

This form asks for information about your young person but also asks for information about how the students are planning to complete the other elements of the award. As a reminder, the other aspects of the award are listed below.

	Gold	
Volunteering	12 months	If you have not completed your silver DofE award, one of your 12 months sections must be extended to 18 months duration.
Physical	You must do one of these for 12 months and one of these sections for 6 months	
Skills		

Whilst we appreciate that occasionally plans may change, students do need to be prepared for the commitment completing the award requires. If you require more information about completing the sections, there are a range of ideas on the DofE website www.dofe.org.uk.

Alongside completing the form, we also require a deposit in order to secure places on the expedition, register your child with the DofE scheme and cover our in-school costs. This will need to be paid via WisePay. Please wait for confirmation before paying the deposit as we need to ensure that we have enough uptake from students to be able to run the Gold award.

The cost for the award is as follows; final amounts for the two instalments will be confirmed once numbers are known but will not exceed the indicative amounts below.

	Payment Deadline	Gold Award
Non-refundable Deposit	30 th September 2025	£350
January instalment	31 st January 2026	£250
March instalment	31 st March 2026	£200

Expedition dates have been set and we encourage you to add them to your calendar now:

- Gold Training 1 at Ashby School: Saturday 8th November 2025 (all-day event)
- Gold Training 2 – Dark Peak: Saturday 21st March – Sunday 22nd March 2026
- Gold Practice – Yorkshire Dales: Thursday 23rd April PM – Sunday 26th April 2026

- Gold Qualifying – Lake District: Wednesday 1st July – Sunday 5th July 2026

Kind regards,

DofE team