

11th September 2026

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. The presentation from the launch event will shortly be made available on the school website under the Students/Extra-Curricular/Duke of Edinburgh Gold section.

Sign-up form

To sign your young person up for the award, you are required to complete the Microsoft form linked below by the **30th of September 2026**:

[Gold 2026/2027 Ashby School Duke of Edinburgh – Fill in form](#)

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.

Section	Gold Award From Silver Route	Direct Gold Route
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		
Residential	5 days and 4 nights	

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 <https://www.dofe.org/>

Costs & Payment Schedule

Alongside completing the form, we also require a deposit in order to secure places on the expedition, register your young person 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 2026	£280
January instalment	31 st January 2026	£210
March instalment	31 st March 2026	£210
Total Costs		£700

Expedition dates

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

- Gold Training 1 – Ashby School: Saturday 14th November 2026 (all-day event)
- Gold Training 2 – Peak District (Dark Peak): Saturday 20th-Sunday 21st March 2027
- Gold Practice – Yorkshire Dales: Thursday 22nd April (PM) – Sunday 25th April 2027
- Gold Qualifying – Lake District: Wednesday 30th June – Sunday 4th July 2027

Behavioural Expectations

As Gold DofE activities include overnight stays at public campsites, we expect all students to demonstrate respectful and responsible behaviour throughout. Students must follow the instructions of Ashby School and Premier Expeditions staff at all times. This includes expectations around quiet times, lights out and remaining in designated sleeping areas overnight.

Any serious or repeated failure to meet these expectations may result in parents/carers being contacted and the student being collected from the event. Where behaviour gives cause for concern, a student may also not be permitted to take part in subsequent expeditions. In these circumstances, any payments already made will not be refunded, although parents/carers will not be liable for any future instalments that have not yet become due.

Kind regards,

Mrs Attle

Ashby School DofE Manager