

## Gold DofE for Y12

Gold DofE is a fantastic opportunity for students to undertake but it is also challenging. It also introduces the 'RESIDENTIAL' section which is completed independently.

The RESIDENTIAL section according to the DofE website is *"five days and four nights taking part in a shared, worthwhile activity with people you've never met before. A DofE residential will boost your independence and confidence and is a great way to leave a positive footprint on your life and other people's."* See <http://www.dofe.org/residential-section> for more info.

Any student who meets the following criteria may apply to become a 'Gold Participant':

- Be 16 years old
- Have completed all 4 sections of Silver
- Have applied to and are intending to come to CWLC Sixth Form
- Pay £50 – this will cover the enrolment costs and is non refundable

This will allow students to start completing the 4 sections VOLUNTEERING, PHYSICAL, SKILL and RESIDENTIAL whilst still in Y11.

No expeditions or training will take place until Sixth Form.

If students attend CWLC Sixth Form and have signed up to Gold we shall guarantee a place on the CWLC expeditions. The cost of the expedition will be £350 in total (including transport as well as camping costs and instructor hiring costs). This will be payable during Year 12. The total cost therefore will be £400.

There have been further discussions about cost and each group will be asked to in addition fundraise £2000 over the 2 years (see next page)

The dates will be as follows (for current Y11):

21 <sup>st</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018	Practice skills weekend
Work experience week – July 2019	Practice expedition
July 2020	Assessed expedition

Any students not attending Sixth Form at CWLC may be able to join the expedition but this is not guaranteed (only if there are spaces on the expedition). Please bear this in mind when applying.

Any questions or for an application form please email [d.hunt@cwlc.email](mailto:d.hunt@cwlc.email)

Thanks, David Hunt

Due to the increasing cost of running Gold DofE (see below) we are unable to sustain the number of students completing Gold at the current cost (£400). I have no desire to make it elitist but we as a school cannot sustain the costs without more funds. I am proposing that FOR THIS YEAR ONLY we maintain the contribution at £400 per student and each group commit to raise £2000 over the course of the 2 years. Group size must be between 4 and 7 students.

Current costs:

12 days of instructors @ £250 per day: £3000 per group (£428-750 per student depending on group size)

5 nights at Arete centre @ £30 per night: £150 per student

Gold DofE sign up @ £50 per student

Camping fees £30 per student

Transport: £150 for minibus fuel (if small numbers) or £900 for a full coach for the whole group.

Sadly, this makes the estimated costings to be between £658 to £980 + transport costs.

This would equate to approx. £33 - £49 per month + transport (based on 20 months to pay)

My aim is to forewarn before students commit to this excellent opportunity.

If anyone would like to discuss these figures in more detail or has any access to funds to support this opportunity, please contact me at [d.hunt@cwlc.email](mailto:d.hunt@cwlc.email)

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