



Chenderit School

Aim High, Work Hard, Be Kind

October 2026



The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award

Dear Parent/Carer

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We are excited to be offering the Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award to students at Chenderit School this year. We are currently opening applications for those students that will be Year 12 in September to complete the Gold Award. Year 12 students will be able to work towards their Gold Award.

Why participate in the DofE Award?

Participants enjoy a variety of new experiences, discover talents they never thought they had, challenge themselves and meet loads of people with similar interests. The award will give participants skills, confidence and a view on life that everyone is looking for, from employers to colleges and universities.

It will allow participants to become recognised for doing things they want to do (and may even be doing already), plus it makes a difference to other people's lives in the community, and helps individuals to be fitter, healthier, make new friends and have memories to last a lifetime.

The Gold Award Sections

There are five sections to complete at Gold level. With assistance from adult leaders, participants will select and set objectives in each of the following areas:

Volunteering:	Undertaking services to individuals or the community.
Physical:	Improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activity.
Skills:	Developing practical and social skills and personal interests.
Expedition:	Planning, training for and completion of an adventurous journey in the UK.
Residential:	Working with new people on a project.

Key Dates –

Participants must be available to attend the following mandatory events:

Practice Expedition: Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th May 2027

Qualifying Expedition: Wednesday 30th June to Saturday 3rd July 2027

Archery Road, Middleton Cheney, Banbury, Oxfordshire OX17 2QR

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Costs and Inclusions

To secure a place on the Gold DofE, a deposit of £50 will need to be paid, once a place is assigned, the deposit becomes non refundable. If we are over subscribed, the deposit will be refunded if unfortunately your child does not have a place. The estimated overall fee to take part is £610 (inclusive of the deposit). Please be aware that this is an estimate based on anticipated uptake and will be finalised in the confirmation letter alongside a payment plan, once exact numbers are confirmed.

This cost covers: Registration with DofE; ongoing support from trained staff; Qualified staff and assessors for the planning and expeditions weekends; Two full expedition planning days; and the Qualifying expedition weekend.

Where possible, we will look for funding to support students who are already in receipt of financial assistance, as well as those living in IMD areas 1-3. We are currently unsure what form this will take, so it may be applied as deductions from future payments for eligible students.

Our preferred payment method is online via ParentPay, which can be accessed through the school website or directly at www.parentpay.com. Please contact the Finance Office if you need a ParentPay password or further assistance. All trip payment records, instalment payments, and running balances can be tracked securely online.

How to Apply

To apply for a place, students must complete the following by the end of **Thursday 5th November 2026**.

Write a short statement (approximately 200 words) answering the question: ***“Why do I want to participate in Gold DofE?”*** and return to me in Room 81 or the Maths Office.

Places will be awarded based on a well-written, thought-out answers to the application question. Please note that student behaviour will also be heavily considered when assigning places. Excellent behaviour is of paramount importance in outdoor education to ensure all participants receive a safe, high-quality experience.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



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For the attention of Mr H W Huckin

Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award

CHILDS NAME: _____ TUTOR GROUP: _____

I confirm that my child is interested in undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

To secure a place, I have enclosed:

Deposit (non-refundable) £50 ☐ Paid by Parentpay ☐ Paid by cash/cheque ☐

SIGNED (Parent/Carer) _____ DATE _____

Telephone/mobile number:

E-mail

Please return reply slips as well as the short statement outlining **Why do I want to participate in Gold DofE?** Return by: the end of Thursday 5th November 2026 to R81 or Maths Office.