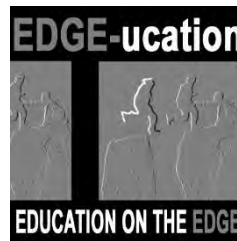




Walsall Academy.
2019 - 20, Gold, Duke of Edinburgh Award,
Expedition Training Programme.



Cost:- £250 (£275 for direct entrants) inclusive of enrolment onto D of E Gold, Training days, Practice and Final Expeditions with staff and external assessor.

Please note it does not include: - travel on the Practice and Final expeditions (train), map for the final expedition (see details below) and camp site fees.

Deposit of £50 (£75 for direct entrants) payable by **Friday 25th October 2019**. See payment schedule for other payment dates.

You will need a Snowdon and Conwy Valley map no.17 (final exp): Outdoor Leisure Series. Buy maps from – www.dash4it.co.uk. (approx £10) Make sure you purchase the ‘active’ weatherproof maps.

Dates and Times	Activity	Notes (for students and staff)
Thursday 24 th October	Gold Introduction, go through programme. Update, eDofE records. Sort into Provisional expedition groups. The 20 expedition conditions.	Mrs Hill /Walsall Staff to deliver this session. Need hard copies of consent forms for 8 th December.
Thursday 7 th November.	Confirmation of expedition groups for Sunday 20 th November. Start Practice Planning Check list for mountain day out. Details for Sunday 20 th November.	Need practice maps and compasses by this date:- Cadair Idris waterproof (active) map no.23 - www.dash4it.co.uk . Supplied by WA – 2 per group.
Sunday 8th December. Meet 8.30am Return approx 4.30pm.	Training Day A full hill day with remote supervision and problems set to sort en route. Attendance compulsory.	You need to bring along kit as check list from previous session. Attendance compulsory. Area – Pontesbury/Stiperstones.
Thursday 16 th January.	Practice planning continued and completed. Mountain Hyperthermia and Hypothermia.	Book YHA for final. .
Thursday 30 th January	Final Planning. Deciding on the ‘Aim’ of your expedition.	Need final expedition maps by this date:- Snowdon and Conwy Valley map no. 17- www.dash4it.co.uk Supplied by each student, one each.
Thursday 2 nd April	.Continue with Final Planning. Allocate sections of route to each student.	Need compasses and maps. Make sure you know who you are camping with for this session.
Sunday 3rd May. Meet WA 8.30am Return approx 4.30.	Training Day Practical accompanied/semi accompanied mountain day. Practical testing/application/scenario of emergency procedures system. You need to bring along kit as per check list for mountain day. Attendance compulsory.	Accompanied/semi accompanied. Berwyn Mountains.
Thursday 7 th May	Final Planning Details for Practice and Final Expeditions. Expedition food – menu planning with your tent partner.	Hard copies for students and e mail to parents. Need compasses and maps.
13th – 14th June	Gold Direct Candidates who have not completed Bronze AND Silver. Training Wk/End. Refer to Bronze Detail sheet and programme for information.	Stokes Barn. Much Wenlock.
Wednesday 24th June. 4.0pm to 5.30pm.	Final Planning to be completed. Pre expedition check. You must come into school with your expedition rucksack packed. Final checks.	Make arrangements to get into school and back home if necessary.
Friday 3rd July to Sunday 5th July	Practice expedition as details given in May	As details given in May
Sunday 19th July to Thursday 23rd July	Final Expedition – (as details given in May) Accommodation near your start on Sunday, then actual expedition starts on Monday.	As details given in May.