

### Award complete!

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Congratulations to ALL 39 students who have completed their award (subject to external verification).

Completed awards will be presented at our annual award night on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 from 6:30-8pm**. Save this date in your diary! If you would like your certificate and badge before this, please email us.

### Going for Gold!

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Gold enrolments will be accepted until the end of December only as training/planning for Gold expeditions takes place after school in January 2020 (see below). As usual, an enrolment form/programme planner should be handed to reception and the first payment of £120 is to be paid by ParentPay (a second payment of £60 is due at the start of Year 13). Enrolment forms can be found here: <https://www.arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/dofe/enrol-now/>

**WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU ENROL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FROM THIS POINT ONWARDS - THE SOONER YOU DO, THE SOONER YOU CAN BEGIN ACTIVITIES. A LEVELS ARE DEMANDING AND THE PEOPLE THAT COMPLETE GOLD ARE USUALLY EARLY STARTERS!**

If students are not returning to Arthur Terry Sixth Form they will unfortunately not be able to complete their Gold Expedition with us. There is the possibility of enrolling on the Gold Award and holding their eDofE account through our centre, but both practice and assessed expeditions will have to be undertaken through an external provider at a cost to the student. Please contact us if you wish to consider this option.

### Volunteering with the DofE staff team

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Each year we recruit Year 12 Gold students to join our staff team (**four people this year**). This completes their Gold Volunteering section and runs over both Year 12 and 13. Students wishing to do this must be aware that it demands full attendance at all training sessions and expeditions (if students work at weekends where there is no flexibility, it will be unsuitable for them). They are also required to pack and unpack before and after expeditions after school, and be willing and able to walk on expeditions to support younger students. Students that are interested should email Mr Withey and will be able to begin in March 2020 - there may be an interview process if we receive lots of interest.

## Gold expedition planning evenings - Early warning!

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**All** students are required to attend on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January from 10am to 3pm in B3.3 to plan their routes for the July expedition. **Attendance is compulsory** and if working, students must book time off to attend.

## Practice Expedition - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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The dates are shown above for reference - **please consider this before booking any holidays!** This year we will be going to Snowdonia. We would strongly suggest that students get plenty of walking and navigation practice in before the summer!

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