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To All Gold DofE Candidates

2017/18 Gold DofE Award - Expedition Training Programme

Welcome to the Expedition element of your Gold DofE award. This year I will be leading the Gold Expedition Section with help from Mark Haward and other parent volunteers (hopefully). I wanted to let you know the proposed dates for next year's training sessions and expeditions before Christmas, so you can get them into your diaries.

2018	Gold		Location
Sat 9 – Sun 10 June	Gold Training	2 days, 1 night	Dartmoor
Sat 7 – Mon 9 July	Gold Practice Expedition	3 days, 2 nights	Dartmoor / Exmoor
Thu 27 Sep–Mon 1 Oct	Gold Qualifying Expedition	4 days, 3 nights	Snowdonia (hopefully)

Remember, at Gold level you will be largely responsible for organising the final qualifying expedition and preparing yourself and the expedition paperwork to time, and to sufficient quality. We just provide the support to help you get to that point. This means that compared to Silver DofE, you will have to take much greater responsibility for yourself and your other team members in making sure everything is done on time – I won't be necessarily chasing you up.

I suggest we meet one lunchtime early in the New Year to go through what you need to be doing, so you can plan ahead. I could make lunchtime on Monday 8 January or Thursday 11 January if either are suitable. Can you let me know by email which of these dates you prefer – or suggest another date?

A reminder, that for those of you who have just done your Silver Qualifying Expedition in September, you will need to have completed your Silver Award (that is completed all sections of your Silver DofE award and had them signed off) by Easter Sunday 1 April 2018, if you are to be eligible for joining the Gold DofE Expedition this year.

If you have any questions just let me know.

I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

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