



# Wallington High School *for Girls*

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

We are delighted to offer your child(ren) the opportunity to take part in the **Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award**. This scheme enables a young person to elevate their self-confidence, skills and aspirations in a non-competitive environment. Employers have named the Award as the highest non-academic accolade they look for in prospective employees.

Students who enrol on the scheme will undertake four sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and an Expedition. For those students who wish to take part in the Gold scheme, there is also an additional Residential section. Each section must be done for a minimum period of time, which increases between the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. The Gold award is open to Year 12, regardless of whether they have completed any previous levels.

WHSG is a directly licensed centre which is supported by the operations team at London DofE. This means that we will coordinate the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections in school and using an online portal. Activadventures, who have worked with WHSG and Nonsuch for the past five years, run the expedition section with training sessions in school. Alternatively, students may choose to join an open expedition run by London DofE or use another provider.

Due to the COVID 19, we are unable to invite you to our usual parents evening. Instead please find below a link for a virtual presentation to provide you with more details about this fantastic opportunity.

### [WHSG Gold presentation](#)

The presentation will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about the gold award and will provide detailed information about the specific requirements for each of them.

Below we have listed out the costs for the Duke of Edinburgh in 2020-21, should your child be interested in participating in the program

**Gold:** For students in Year 12. Enrolment fee of £39 + expedition cost of £540, payable to Activadventures directly later in the term.

To take up this opportunity, we ask you to complete a 2 stage enrolment; pay the initial enrolment fee via Parent Pay and to complete an enrolment form, downloadable from the [website](#). The enrolment fee includes a welcome pack, an eDofE account, an achievement pack and a certificate and badge upon completion. Payments will be open from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October and will close on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020. Payment for the expedition will be made directly to Activadventures once you have been enrolled on the Duke of Edinburgh Program. **All forms will be available on the school website and will need to be returned to the Purple Box in reception.**

Should you have any enquiries please email: [dofe@wallingtongirls.org.uk](mailto:dofe@wallingtongirls.org.uk)

Yours faithfully,

Dr V Walters (Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator, Science and Biology Department)