

Double Royal Awards!

OED (Outdoor Education) is very important to Abbotsholme School because we believe that it develops a person as a whole.

The Duke of Edinburgh (D of E) awards involve 4 sections:

- Physical section
- Skills section
- Volunteering section
- Expedition section

Abbotsholme has a huge advantage because it is set on a farm, so working there helps students to complete the volunteering section and we have a large competitive sports department, with great facilities for the physical section.

Everyone in the whole school has to go on Hikes and Camps every year, even reception. When they get to year 9 they begin their bronze D of E. During year 9 they build up to their 30 mile expedition. After completing their Bronze, they can carry on and complete their Silver and even Gold awards.

Tara has been very lucky to be able to be the youngest person to complete her gold award at Abbotsholme and collected her award, at St James Palace on the 1st March 2016.

The really special thing is that her dad went down with Tara to St James Palace to receive his long service award for working with D of E for 10 years.

The family moved to Abbotsholme in 2005 as house parents, as part of our boarding school. Mr Witcomb got involved in D of E straight away and since then he has become a mountain leader and a D of E assessor.

