

St. Bede's Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our Silver participants are now well on their way to completing and achieving the Silver Duke of Edinburgh award. In order to help ensure that all our participants have the best opportunity to complete their award, there are a few reminders below that I hope you will find useful.

Expedition dates:

- 26th – 28th April Practise expedition in Forest of Dean (Departing college at 8:30am Friday morning and aiming to return by 3pm on Sunday)
- 3rd – 5th July Assessed expedition in the Forest of Dean (Departing college at 8:30am and aiming to return for 3pm on Friday 5th July)

Training sessions:

Arranging a training session for which all participants to attend this year has been challenging, due to clashes with later trips and residential activities that have been arranged. To avoid depriving any students of the extra enrichment activities, I have tried to be as flexible with the weekend day as possible.

Please note that the day stated below is now Sunday 17th, not the 16th, due to one of our trainers working for the emergency services.

- **Sunday 17th March 9:30am-3pm** in college (please arrive via the sports entrance)

Following from the initial training day on the 17th March, there will be weekly training sessions for the students to attend in school on Wednesday lunchtimes.

Medical updates:

Prior to the expeditions, I will send medical forms home to all students. Please update the form with any recent medical or injury related advice that will help us ensure the safety of all students whilst on expedition.



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Online eDofE account:

All participants have been allocated an online DofE account, which can be accessed via www.edofe.org. Usernames have all been issued. They are simply the participants first and last name, with capital letters and no spaces. For example; SamSmith.

Each student has created their own password after logging on for the first time.

Please encourage your child to update their progress and upload any assessor reports for their skill, volunteering or physical sections. This simply needs to be a brief comment from their assessor confirming that they have undertaken the section for 3, 6 or 12 months. The comment (written on paper if the assessor booklet has been lost) can then be uploaded via photo to the relevant section.

This is incredibly important, as without completion of these sections the award cannot be achieved!

Payment:

The cost of the award is £220, which contributes towards the cost of updating equipment, transport, camping, and registration fees. A large portion of this cost is paid out to our Activity providers, who train and accompany the students on expedition.

Thank you to all who have already paid. Can I please ask if you have not already done so, to make this payment before the Easter break, as I am in the process of ordering new equipment and booking campsites etc...

Please make cheques payable to St Bede's Catholic College.

If you are unsure whether you have paid, please ask your son or daughter to speak to me and I will check.

Payment in instalments can be arranged, but we do ask that the entire sum is paid before July 1st 2019.

As always, thank you for your continued support with the DofE programme. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the college by phone, or my direct email: n.sutton@stbcc.org.

Kind regards,

Mr N Sutton

