

St. Bede's Catholic College

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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to thank you for your continued support and patience regarding the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. Following a recent meeting with our South West coordinator, I would like to clarify a few details regarding the award.

Expedition:

Unlike the Bronze Award, there is a continued requirement for participants to complete their expedition, if they are to achieve their full Silver Award. I remain hopeful that we will be able to conduct the final expedition next year. Currently, I am unable to provide an exact date as to when the expedition will take place. Further announcements about the examination process and Coronavirus restrictions will dictate when this may go ahead. As all our Silver participants are registered, they have until age 25 to complete the award; which can be completed in sixth form or even university.

Sections:

I would advise all participants to continue to work towards completing their physical, volunteering and skill sections, as these are also a required aspect of the award. Evidence and assessor reports can be directly uploaded to the eDofE website: www.edofe.org/account.

Payment:

Due to the sudden closure in March, we currently have a number of outstanding payments. The full cost of the Silver Award is £220. If you have a balance outstanding, please could I ask that this be paid off by March 2021. Online pay is available via the college website.

Should the expeditions be cancelled during this academic year, all students who study with us in the Areté Sixth Form will have the opportunity to undertake the expedition in year 12. Those who do not stay with us will be offered a refund of £180 (£220 minus the registration fee and resources). This will not impact upon student's opportunity to also undertake their Gold Award in year 12.

Staffing:

Following the success of the Duke of Edinburgh Award at St Bede's Catholic College, Mr. Gibbs has been assigned to support the programme.

All correspondence relating to the Bronze Award should now be directed to Mr. Gibbs.

All correspondence regarding Silver or Gold Awards should be direct to Mr. Sutton.

I will ensure that further updates will be uploaded to the Duke of Edinburgh section on the college website.

Yours faithfully

Mr. N Sutton

Deputy Head of Sixth Form and Duke of Edinburgh Manager



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