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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you are aware, students are now well underway in planning for their Gold Awards. During this Half Term, I would like to encourage all students to ensure that their online eDofE account is up to date regarding their physical, skill, and volunteering progress.

You may also notice a residential section. This is an added requirement for the Gold Award. Students must arrange for a week long residential visit themselves, often a volunteering experience along with DofE participants from across the country. Some residential experiences are free, whereas others can cost a considerable amount, so it is important that student research and book these as early as possible.

Ideas for residential can be found online via the **DofE opportunities finder**.

On Friday 28th February, the group will embark on their first visit to the Brecon Beacons for a day walk. The trip is weather dependent, but students should be prepared for cold and wet conditions! Vital equipment for this day walk consists of:

- Walking boots (Broken in – please wear them for at least 2 hours before the walk!)
- Waterproofs (No hoodies! These will get wet and not dry throughout the day)
- Hat and gloves

Please could I also ask that payments are made by 1st April as we will be paying our activity prover (£280 per student) during this time. The total cost is £340, which also includes DofE registration fee, campsite and travel costs, one-night accommodation in a hostel and equipment repairs. Payments can be made online. If you would like to pay in installments, this can be arranged for you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email – n.sutton@stbcc.org

Kind Regards

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Mr Sutton

Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager

