



Principal: Mr R. J. King, MEd

Dear parents/guardians,

Firstly, I wanted to say how proud I am of all of the Gold participants so far this year! Their enthusiasm is great to see at our weekly meetings and lots of effort is being put into all areas of the award.

I can now share with you the confirmed dates of the training day and expeditions for this year. All locations are within the Brecon Beacons in Wales. If students miss any lessons due to DofE it is their responsibility to arrange with their teachers to catch up on any work missed.

Training hike: Wednesday 2nd March

We will be meeting outside Areté at 7:45 to depart at 8:00. Our approximate return to college will be 16:30 (but this may change dependent on traffic and the progress of the hike!) Students will need a small rucksack containing 2L of water, lunch, snacks, waterproof coat and trousers. Students will need to be wearing WARM layered clothing and they must be wearing walking boots (not shoes). Students without the correct equipment will not be taken on the hike. They can bring a change of shoes and leave them in the bus during the day if they wish. They have already planned this hike and have been warned that it is going to be a challenge!

Practice Expedition: Thursday 26th May to Saturday 28th May

Assessed Expedition: departing after college on Monday 27th June to Friday 1st July

There will be a letter before each expedition outlining our departure and arrival, as well as a health form to complete.

Finally, I wanted to remind you of the payment schedule for this year. The next deadline is coming up. On Scopay it will ask for the full balance of £340, but you can then input the portion of the balance you would like to pay.

£30 deposit	Due by 04-10-21
£100	Due by 17-02-22
£100	Due by 01-04-22
£110	Due by 20-05-22

Please be advised that as a cashless school, except for school meals or charity donations, we no longer accept cash or cheques for payment of trips. These payments will need to be paid via SCOPAY, which is accessible on the school website: <https://www.scopay.com/stbedecollege-bristol> If you are not registered to use SCOPAY please contact: finance@stbcc.org to obtain the 'link code' to enable you to use this service.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, if there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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