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Dear Families,

This letter is for those year 12 student interested in participating in the **Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award** this year.

This year we are using an Approved Activity Provider (AAP) to deliver the training and expedition for the students. This will provide the students with a greater opportunity to develop their skills for the DofE and also impinges less on other extra-curricular activities many students who undertake the DofE already participate in within school.

This comes to a total cost of £350. However, I think this provides exceptional value: this includes registration for the DofE Award (non-refundable £31 that some students paid at the end of year 11); a day walk in the Brecon Beacons; 3-day practice expedition; and a 4-day assessed expedition along with a DofE assessor. As a college, we will provide group kit for the students such as tents, stoves, compasses, maps and first aid kits. I will run weekly training sessions on Thursday afternoons in school. We have tried to keep the cost to as little as possible whilst still providing a high quality experience to the students.

In order for the students to participate in the award they need to be able to attend all of the training sessions, the practice expedition and the assessed expedition. Below are the **provisional** dates:

- Thursday 9th March: Day walk in the Brecon Beacons
- Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th May: Practice expedition in the Brecon Beacons
- Monday 19th to Friday 23rd June: Assessed expedition in the Brecon Beacons

As ever, students need to be fully committed to the DofE Award and understand that there is much more than just the expedition aspect of the Award. They also need to undertake a Skill, Physical Activity, Volunteering and Residential as part of the Award. The timescales for these activities are outlined below. These do not need to be new to the student and can be something that they are already doing and plan to continue to do (e.g. music lessons or sport clubs). They can all be undertaken simultaneously and will need to fit around their College studies. Please note, it will take students more than 1 academic year to complete the award. Students will not be allowed to participate in the expeditions until these sections are underway.

- Volunteering section: 12 months
- Physical and Skills sections: One section for 12 months and the other section for 6 months
- Expedition section: 4 days/3 nights (+ practice expedition of 3 days/2 nights + day hike)
- Residential section: Undertake a shared activity in a residential setting away from home for 5 days and 4 nights (not included in this cost).
- *If you have not completed the DofE Silver Award, you must undertake a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.*

The Gold Award is a highly regarded award by employers and universities alike, but is also incredibly demanding. So that all students are aware of what they are undertaking, **I am asking all students who are interested to complete the short application form attached by Monday 26th September and returned to me in B7 or the 6th form office.**

If you have any queries, please email j.walsh@stbcc.org. As I am aware that £350 is a large sum of money, there will be the option to pay in instalments. The first will be request once their application has been accepted. There is financial support available that we can apply for. Please contact me directly if you believe this will apply.

Kind Regards,

Dr J Walsh
Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager





DofE GOLD AWARD Participant Enrolment Form

Please print clearly in CAPITALS. You must complete all of the questions.

eDofE ID number (if known) :	(this is an important one to find you if you have moved school!)
If registered previously at another DofE centre, please give the centre's name:	

Personal details:

First name:	Last name:
Date of birth: / /	
School email address:	
Date you wish to start your DofE programme if known (enrolment date):	/ /

When you first sign in to eDofE you will be asked to record some personal details such as your contact details, ethnicity and personal circumstances along with details of any medical needs you may have. This data is used to enable your Leaders to support you doing your DofE programme and for the DofE's statistical and reporting purposes. You will always have a 'prefer not to say' option.

Ideas for section completion:

Volunteering	
Skill	
Physical Activity	
Residential	

Please read and tick the conditions below:

- I understand that in order to participate in the assessed expedition, my volunteering, skill and physical activity sections will need to be in progress, and there will need to be a plan in place for my residential section.
- I understand that I will need to attend all Wednesday P5/6 training sessions and any weekend training that is organised.
- I understand that there is a non-refundable deposit of £30 to cover the cost of eDofE registration.

Note:

Data supplied on this form and in eDofE and information about DofE activities recorded in eDofE will be used by the DofE Charity, the Licensed Organisation and DofE centre to monitor and manage DofE participation and progress by young people and manage and support Leaders.

The DofE Charity will use personal data to communicate useful and relevant information to either help participants complete a DofE programme, Leaders/LOs to run DofE programmes more effectively or help the DofE Charity to improve the quality and breadth of its programmes.

We also send emails that contain information about the Charity, DofE negotiated privileged discounts and invites to events and other activities however if you would like to receive these emails you will need to opt in. Once you have opted-in to this you can opt out at any time by visiting www.dofe.org/preferences, or clicking the unsubscribe link that can be found at the bottom of all non-programme related email.



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Extended question: Why would you like to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award?
(please use an A4 sheet if you need more space)

Declaration:

I agree to enrol as a participant on a DofE programme. I understand that I will be managing my programme using the online eDofE system. I acknowledge that this system has a set of terms and conditions that I agree to. These terms and conditions are available at www.eDofE.org

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Consent to enrol from parent or guardian (if applicant is under 18 years old).

I agree to my son / daughter / ward doing a DofE programme. I note that it is my responsibility to check that any activity my son / daughter / ward undertakes for their DofE programme is appropriately managed and insured, unless the activity is directly managed or organised by their DofE group, centre or Licensed Organisation.

Print Name	Signature	Date
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For Licensed Organisation/Centre administration only:

Date registered onto eDofE	/ /
Expected start date	/ /
Participant Fee received	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Username	
User ID number	