

St. Bede's Catholic College



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Dear families,

Thank you for the application for your child to take part in the DofE Bronze Award this year. We have 98 students who will be taking part. I am pleased to confirm that there is a space for your child pending the payment of a £30 non-refundable deposit.

Finance

To pay the deposit please see SCOPAY (the school's online payment system). Below is the payment schedule. Please note the **deadline for the deposit of £30 is Friday 27th October 2023**.

Amount	Deadline for payment
£30 (non-refundable deposit)	Friday 27 th October 2023
£30	Monday 5 th February 2024
£35	Monday 22 nd April 2024

We will apply to the DofE resilience fund on behalf of any student eligible (Pupil Premium, certain SEND criteria, young carers, etc.) and if successful, a discount of £25.50 will be applied to the remaining balance. Further funding may also be made available for Pupil premium students from the college and once we have confirmed this year's contribution, we will write to you.

All payments are made through SCOPAY, which is our online payments system. You can find this on the school website www.stbedesccl.org. Click in 'Key Information' on the banner and then 'Online Payments', this will take you to the SCOPAY Portal.

If you are not registered for SCOPAY please contact the finance office to obtain the 'link code' required to access your child(ren)'s account, on finance@stbcc.org. You can then Register as a new user.

If you are registered but can't remember your password, use the 'forgotten password' option.

If you can't remember whether you are registered, please contact the finance team as per the email above and we will send a reminder of the email address you are registered with.

Groups and after school training

As there have been a large number of students who have signed up, the participants will be split into three groups for their after school training sessions. These will be the same groups that they will compete their expedition with in July. Within each group students will be put into teams of 4-7 and these will be the teams that they will walk with on their expedition. I will be assigning the groups after half-term.

The students in Group 1 will have their training on Mondays, those in group 2 will have their training on Tuesdays and those in Group 3 will have their training on Wednesdays. The first training sessions will take place during the week commencing **Monday 20th November**.



There will be 6 after school training sessions for each group across the year and these will take place in the following weeks:

Session 1	W/C 20 th November 2023
Session 2	W/C 11 th December 2023
Session 3	W/C 22 nd January 2023
Session 4	W/C 19 th February 2023
Session 5	W/C 18 th March 2023
Session 6	W/C 3 rd June 2023

Students will be expected to attend all sessions for their group and to work with their team of 4-7 students to prepare for their expedition. Most students wish to be in a team with their friends and I will try to accommodate this as much as is possible, however they may not be able to be in a team with all of their friends.

Google Classroom

I have set up a Google Classroom and have invited all students who have signed up to be a part of it. This is where I will communicate with students the most. Any communications about finance, dates and equipment will also be sent to parents via letter.

This is the start of an exciting adventure and huge commitment from the students! If there are ever any questions, please do not hesitate to email me – silverm@stbcc.org .

Kind regards,



Mr Silver

DofE Award Manager