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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to you once again to kindly ask for your support regarding your child's **Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)**.

I fully appreciate that this is a very busy and stressful time, with A Level examinations now underway. However, this may be my final opportunity to reach out to students before they leave NSB and move on to exciting new chapters in their lives.

As you are aware, your child has successfully completed the **Expedition section** of the award—arguably the most challenging part. Every student showed exceptional resilience, teamwork, and determination throughout, and they should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved so far.

It would be such a shame for them to leave NSB without receiving the full award, especially considering the significant time and effort they have already committed to the other sections of the programme.

What still needs to be done?

1. Assessor Reports

For the **Volunteering, Physical, and Skills** sections, an **Assessor's Report** must be submitted for each. Many students have already completed the activities—this final step simply ensures their efforts are formally recognised.

- Assessors can submit their report online at: www.dofe.org/assessor
- The only information they need is the participant's **eDofE ID number**, which your child should know.

2. Residential Section

While some students have already completed their **Residential**, many have not yet booked one. Please make this a **priority** once A Level examinations are finished.

As a recent update:

Students may now attend a Residential with more than one other participant from the same DofE group, but **they must confirm their plans with me first** to ensure the placement meets award criteria.

3. eDofE Housekeeping

A few final but essential tasks remain:

- **Email Contact:** Please ensure your child's **eDofE account** is updated with a **personal (home) email address** rather than their NSB email. Once they leave school, their NSB email will no longer be active, and they may miss vital communications.
- **Gold Award Celebration Event:** Students must also complete the **Gold Award Celebration Event** section, found in the dropdown menu on the eDofE homepage. This is where they provide guest details for the **Buckingham Palace celebration**. Unfortunately, this must be completed for their final award to be processed.

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If your child needs any help with any of these steps—whether uploading reports, booking a Residential, or updating their account—I am more than happy to assist.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. With these final steps completed, your child will receive the **prestigious Gold Award**—a lasting recognition of their perseverance, service, and personal growth.

Kind regards

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