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11 October 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

## Re: Duke of Edinburgh Award

Your son/daughter has shown an interest in enrolling in the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme began in 1956 and is now widely recognised by employers, colleges, universities and the forces as a powerful tool for the personal development of young people.

### It will involve.

Your son/daughter will have to complete the following five sections over the next 18 months:

- Volunteering
- Skill
- Physical
- Residential
- Expedition

The minimum time requirement for each section is expressed in months during which time they will need to undertake a regular commitment of at least one hour per week. It is expected that the Skill, Volunteering, Physical Recreation and Residential sections will be completed in the student's own time, with some assistance from both the school and parents.

### Gold D of E Award - Year 12 & 13

Volunteering	Skill	Physical Recreation	Residential	Expedition
12 months	One section for 6 months. One section for 12 months		5 day – 4 nights Residential	Plan, prepare for, and undertake a 4 day 3-night venture.

***\*Note students who have not completed the silver award will need to do a further 6 months of either the Volunteering or the longer of the Skill / Physical Recreation.***

Expeditions and training will be co-ordinated through the school using an external company BXM expeditions. This organisation will provide all the training necessary with qualified expedition leaders. Training will be completed in school on a Sunday, students have to attend these dates in order to complete the requirements for the expedition section.

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**Dates are as follows:**

**Training: Sunday 2 March 2025**

**Practice: Tuesday 22 April 2025 – Friday 25 April 2025**

**Expedition: Sunday 6 July 2025 – Friday 11 July 2025**

**All students must to attend both the training, practice and the assessed expedition to complete the expedition section of the award. There will be no other expeditions organised by the school.**

There will be a charge of **£80.00** for the joining fee, which includes the record book this is **non – refundable**. There is an additional fee of **£518** which includes charges for the training, the practice expedition and assessed expedition all of which are provided by BXM Expeditions, due to the large number of students. They provide the tents and the stoves for each group; other kit will be discussed on the training day. This fee also included transport to and from the expedition locations.

### **Payment Plan**

£80.00 31 October 2024 (Joining Fee non-refundable)

£128 January 25, 2025

£120 March 25, 2025

£120 May 25, 2025

£150 July 25, 2025

### **Students need to pay via parent pay.**

If participants withdraw from the award, it must be done formally in writing to Mrs O'Neill **6 weeks** prior to the practice expedition or parents / careers will be charged the full amount.

If your son/daughter wishes to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, please complete the reply slip below and return it to Mrs O'Neill by **Friday 18 October 2024 – F8**. Unfortunately, there are limited number of spaces.

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. Please follow the link to the D of E web site which can be found at [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org) or [Outdoor & Camping Equipment | School Expeditions | BXM Outdoors](#)

Yours faithfully

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Duke of Edinburgh Leader

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## REPLY SLIP TO MRS T O'NEILL

**Name of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Form:** \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my \*son / daughter to enrol on the Gold D of E Award Programme at NSB.

The joining fee of £ 80 has been paid via parent pay. Yes / No

I understand that if my \*son / daughter wishes to withdraw from the gold programme this needs to be 6 weeks prior to the practice expedition in April 2025 or the full cost will need to be paid.

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(\*Delete as necessary)

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