



Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you for returning the "Note of Interest" reply slip regarding the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. I'm pleased to confirm that 45 students have expressed interest in participating, which is fantastic.

## Programme Cost

The confirmed cost to take part is £650, which includes:

- BXM expedition provider fees
- Transport to and from both expeditions
- Enrolment fees
- All camp fees
- Hire of tents, stoves, and fuel
- One night B&B accommodation at Pen-y-Pass YHA

## Payment Plan

To help spread the cost, the following payment schedule has been set:

- £50 non-refundable deposit – due by 25 October 2025
- £150 – Instalment 1 – due by 25 January 2026
- £150 – Instalment 2 – due by 25 March 2026
- £150 – Instalment 3 – due by 25 May 2026
- £150 – Final Instalment – due by 25 June 2026

**Please note:** If a student decides to withdraw from the programme, they must inform Mrs O'Neill **at least six weeks prior** to either the practice or assessed expedition. Failure to do so will result in being charged for the full cost of the expedition, as per the terms and conditions of BXM, our external expedition provider.

## Next Steps for Students

To move forward, students must now complete the following:

1. Fill in the Gold Award Planner with their chosen activities.
  - Ensure to include the email and/or phone number of their assessor
2. Pay the deposit via ParentPay to be officially enrolled onto the Award.
3. Attend **one compulsory meeting** on one of the following dates:
  - Tuesday 14 October – lunchtime (1:05–1:40) in F8
  - Tuesday 14 October – after school (3:35–4:15) in F8
  - Wednesday 15 October – after school (3:35–4:15) in F8
4. Parents / Carers to complete the medical consent form, the link to which will be sent via Evolve email. Please check junk / spam folders in case this is redirected.

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Students must bring their completed planning sheet to the meeting. If unsure about any section, please see me before the meeting.

Thank you again for your support. I look forward to working with the students as they begin their Gold Award journey.

Kind regards,

Mrs O'Neill

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