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Gold Qualifying Expedition

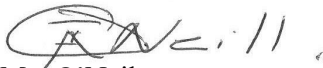
Further to the latest Government guidance, Northampton School *for Boys* school will not be taking students on D of E expeditions due to COVID-19. In addition, we have spoken to BXM our outside expedition providers, who agree. Therefore, the decision is to cancel the Gold Qualifying Expedition in July 2020.

I understand that this will be disappointing for all the students concerned; however, we need to follow the government's direction on this matter. BXM will be working closely with Northampton *School for Boys* so that the students can complete their expedition in the future. Students will have left the school before some sort of normality reassumes. Therefore, I will liaise with the students and give information on how they can join BXM's open expedition award, as they will no longer be NSB students. I will also arrange for a refund so that students can choose when to complete this section. There are opportunities at University to complete the qualifying expedition and many open awards, which advertise on the various websites.

I would ask that students fill in the remaining sections completed on *D of E*, by asking their assessor to fill in a report. These can be completed online, all students need to do is give the Assessor their *D of E* number, level and the section they are assessing and send them this link <https://edofe.org/Assessor>. The form is self-explanatory. If a section is completed at school, make sure your start dates and finish dates are over the period to accommodate the holiday periods. Also, remember family members cannot be assessors.

If require guidance on this matter please do not hesitate to contact, Mrs O'Neill

Yours sincerely



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