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10th January 2022

Gold Duke of Edinburgh

Your child has been successfully enrolled onto the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at NSB. Your child would have received an email to their NSB school account explaining how to log onto eDofE. Once they have logged on to the eDofE website, your child needs to register the activities they have chosen to do for the Volunteering, Skills and Physical sections. This must be done as soon as possible, as the timeframe is automated, and will only start once they have had them verified on the system. This means the contact details for the independent assessor must be included, either as an email address or telephone number. This person **can not** be a relative. A lot of students have attempted to complete this but have not finished it in full or have left it in draft. Please can I request you ask your child to complete this if they haven't already done so, especially if you wish them to achieve the Gold award before they leave Northampton School *for boys*.

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 and Physical Recreation sections will be completed in your child's own time. I have included attached diaries for each section, your child will need to get them signed each time they complete a session, and this will be used as evidence of completion.

Expedition

I can now also confirm dates for expeditions and training are as follows:

Expedition Training 27th February 2022 at NSB 10am – 4pm.

Practice Expedition 20th -24th April 2022 -Black Mountains.

Assessed Expedition July **2023** TBC – Lake District.

Your child must **attend** the above sessions. The total cost of the two expeditions is £445, which includes transport costs, a two-night stay in a youth hostel, all campsite fees and training sessions which are provided by BXM expeditions. This also includes the hire of tents, stoves, and fuel.

Payments will need to be made via Parent Pay. £225 must be paid by the April 2022 date for your child to participate in the practice expedition in April.

Payment plan

£50 28th January 2022

£50 25th February 2022

£50 25th March 2022

£75 18th April 2022

£50 25th November 2022

£170 29th April 2023

Residential

The final section of the Gold Award is the Residential. Students must participate in a 4-night 5 day residential. I have included a flow diagram which highlights the criteria for this section.

Your child needs to log into the D of E web page and go to the Gold Residential section. Hundreds of residential's are advertised, so this gives your child lots of ideas and choices. Please **do not** book any residential's without first checking with myself that it will qualify. Parents, this is meant to be done independently of the school.

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely



Mrs T O'Neill
Duke of Edinburgh Manager

Gold DofE REPLY SLIP TO MRS O'NEILL – F8 28th January 2022

Name of Student: -----Form: -----

- I/We* give permission for the above student to take part in the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, Training and Expedition Schedule.
- I/We* understand that all payments should be completed via Parent Pay and that £ 225 must be paid by April 18th, 2022, and the final payment due on April 29th 2023.

Please can I ask that if your child wishes to drop out of either the practice or qualifying expedition, this must be done **8 weeks** prior to the expedition date as monies have to be sent to our expedition providers. If it is after the 8-week deadline and it is due to medical/special circumstances, please speak to Mrs O'Neill ASAP. If it is not due to medical/ special circumstances, you will be charged for your child's place on the expeditions.

- I/We understand the expedition cancellation policy outlined above.

Signature of Parent/Carer.....Date:

(*Delete as necessary)