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Dear Parent/Carer

Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award

I am delighted your child has expressed an interest in completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

This prestigious award enables young people to gain recognition for the time and effort they put into completing activities in 5 different areas. The Gold Award can be completed by young people over the age of 16 and they can take until their 25th birthday to complete it. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award not only enhances a students' skills but is also a valuable addition to their CV and UCAS Personal Statement

The Gold award has five sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical, Residential and Expedition. Each section is explained in more detail on the Award website – www.DofE.org with examples of the kind of activities that young people can undertake. We often find that the hobbies and sporting activities our students already take part in actually count towards their award. Whatever they are interested in we will do our best to find a section that it will fit into. Activities that 6th form students take part in, as their enrichment on Wednesday afternoons can count as part of their award. Training for the expedition will be complete in the Spring and Summer Term

The expeditions will be completed next year, on Dartmoor. Dates for the diary are below (to be confirmed)

Practice Expedition	Friday 16th- Sunday 18th April
Assessed Expedition	Mon 24th - Fri 28th May

The cost of enrolling and purchasing a Welcome Pack is £60.00, this includes an eDofE account. This is used by participants for recording evidence of activities and assessment completion. This cost also covers some administration charges. The cost of the practice expedition should be no more than £75. The assessed expedition could be as much as £180 due to the assessor fee. These costs include minibus hire and fuel to Dartmoor and expedition food.

If you would like your son/daughter to be enrolled, kindly complete the enrolment form. You can pay the enrolment fee using the ParentMail pay app, this you will find in the Fees and Subs section under DofE Gold Award. We have been able to secure funding to reduce these costs for PP students.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the award then you can contact me by e-mail at mphipps@budmouth-aspirations.org or go to the Award website www.dofe.org to find out more information.

Yours sincerely

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