

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents,

**Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

**Gold Qualifying Expedition: 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Peak District - UK**

Students will meet at Guernsey Airport at 08.20 on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July. We will fly to Manchester where our Adventure Expeditions team will meet us and transport us back to Hathersage. We will spend the remainder of the afternoon and following day preparing our routes and getting all our kit ready. This will be a good opportunity to buy any last minute expedition equipment or food. Adventure Expeditions staff will be available to assist with this if needed. Students will enjoy two hearty evening meals ready for four days and three nights out on expedition. Students will walk a challenging route based on their current level of award. Gold participants will travel back to Guernsey on the day they complete their expedition. If time permits, we are planning on taking your daughter to the Open Air Swimming Pool for a well-deserved cool off, and shower!

Your daughter will only need a small amount of spending money for lunches and snacks.

**Cost: £550** (This cost is based on a minimum of 6 students participating).

**.....What is included?**

- All accommodation
- Two evening meals
- Private return transfers between Manchester Airport and Hathersage
- Use of all group equipment is included in the cost (tents, stoves, pots and pans, gas for stoves, group shelters, group first aid kits, maps, training materials and route planning briefs)
- Open Air Swimming Pool
- Qualified Mountain Leaders
- Qualified Assessors
- Insurance

Students will need to supply their own meals whilst on expedition which is part of their expedition preparation. They will need to plan and bring this with them from Guernsey, or alternatively purchase in Hathersage to save space in their backpacks. Backpacks will need to be checked in with Aurigny and we have a 20kg allowance.

**Additional Cost**

As with any trip it can be extremely difficult to budget whilst speculating on interested committed students and numbers required. You will note on my previous correspondence the cost per student was £475. Due to a few factors, mainly the increased cost of flights, and an additional day on expedition with assessors (four days required for a Qualifying), this resulted in an increase of £75 per student.

Could we respectfully ask that deposits for the July trip are received by **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May**. To date we have only received three, and this would not be sufficient to run a trip. Please note the previous and outstanding payment plans below.

### **Parents' evening**

We will hold a parents evening on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm in the Leaf Centre. This shouldn't last any longer than 60 minutes and you will have the opportunity to discuss the forthcoming trip with me.

We will provide a more detailed itinerary for your expedition and this will be provided to you at the parents meeting. In the meantime, should you have any further questions about the trips or costings please do not hesitate to email me.

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Yours sincerely



Miss L. Mitchinson (D of E Co-ordinator)

**The Ladies' College**

### **Attached:**

**The ladies' College Consent Form. (OA4)**

### **Payment Details**

**Trip 1** Gold Practice Expedition 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> April  
Peak District, UK

**Deposit:** £250 - Monday 21st January 2019 (Paid)

**Final Payment:** £225 - Monday 25th February (Paid)

**Trip 2** - Gold Qualifying Expedition: 24th – 29th July 2019  
Peak District, UK

**Deposit:** £275 - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March (revised date if not yet paid – **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May**)

**Final Payment:** £275 - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April (Revised date if not yet paid – **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**)

If you have already paid £475 in full for the July expedition, could we please request a following payment of £75 is required by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June to complete the balance.

Total amount for both trips    £1025