



18th November 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Update.

I am writing to you as the newly appointed Ladies' College Duke of Edinburgh's Award Coordinator, firstly to introduce myself and secondly to let you know some of the up and coming events and potential dates for academic year ahead.

As your daughter has already joined the Award scheme you will be aware that The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme is a real game-changer; raising young people's aspirations, helping them to develop and grow as individuals and opening doors to university and employment whilst bringing together communities.

This academic year I will be developing a range of programmes and activities to support the participants on their journey, as well as offering advice and support on an individual basis.

Starting from Monday 18th November, I will be running regular DofE sessions, in Room 10 at Lunchtimes.

Monday	12.15 - 12.45	All year groups, informal drop-in , time to update me on how they are doing or to get advice on sections.
Tuesday	12.25 - 12.45 or 12.50 – 1.10	Silver Award participants , wishing to undertake their expedition section this Academic year. (If you are near to finishing your Bronze, you are welcome to attend, however you will need to complete your Bronze before starting to fill in your Silver activities)
Wednesday	12.25 - 12.45 or 12.50 - 1.10	New Bronze Award participants (Upper Four)
Friday	2.30 in the Leaf Centre	Sixth Form Gold Award participants .

*Please note if they can't make the day specified above for their group, they should let me know via e-mail or come and see me in the Reprographic/IT office on the First Floor.

We will be hosting a Parents information evening 6pm on Tuesday 14th January, this is open to all Parents/Guardians of those taking part in the Awards, no matter at what stage they are at. This information evening will provide a broad overview of the Award scheme, giving you the information you need to help support your daughter along the way. There will be the opportunity to hear first-hand about the activities and adventures that some of our students have had in the past, as well as an opportunity to ask any questions.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to give you the proposed dates for the Training, Practice and Qualifying Expeditions at each level, so that you can plan accordingly. Please note at each level participants need to complete specific training and practice/qualifying expeditions.

	Training	Practice	Qualifying	Note:
Bronze	27 th March Evening 16.15-18.30pm	16.15 22 nd May-12.00 23 rd May 2020	13 th – 14 th June 2020	On island.
Silver	TBC Lunchtimes/after school	2 nd -6 th April 2020	7 th – 11 th July 2020	Off Island, New Forest, must attend a practice and a qualifying expedition
Gold	TBC Lunchtimes/after school	5th - 9th April 2020 TBC	13th - 17th July 2020 TBC	Off Island, The Peak District, must attend a practice and a qualifying expedition

Please note that if your daughter cannot make the Practice and/or qualifying dates/time above, she should come and see me, as we can then discuss possible options.

Ideally students complete Bronze in Upper Four, Silver in Lower/Upper Five, and Gold during Sixth form. The Award scheme is flexible in that all participants have until they are 25 years old to finish, so they will have other opportunities to complete this expedition section if not this academic year. The Guernsey Youth commission and many universities also run expeditions and so the opportunity to complete the Award scheme really is available to all, and these dates should not put girls off completing the awards.

I hope to be able to confirm dates, costs and get consent forms to you shortly.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me either via e-mail: rwooldridge@ladiescollege.ac.gg or 01481 721602

Best Regards



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