



9th November 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Duke of Edinburgh's Silver/Gold Award - Update

I am delighted to be able to give you an update on the Silver and Gold Expeditions for DofE. The expedition element of the Award presents many wonderful opportunities and some specific challenges. With the current Covid -19 situation, we are having to monitor the situation. New ways of working, and requirements nationally which DofE have made, have helped us put together the below proposal to continue to run this part of the Award.

Currently we are proposing the following.

Silver

Qualifying Expedition - Guernsey and Sark Thursday 1st – Saturday 3rd April – Cost £100 (A practice for this is no longer required as you have all completed Bronze, in a similar terrain)

Gold

Practice Expedition – Guernsey and Sark Thursday 1st – Saturday 3rd April – Cost £100 (This will include some night navigation and incidents and challenges to deal with along the way.)

Qualifying Expedition– Isle of Man (if air bridge is re-opened) sometime between the 3rd – 13th July (The trip will be at least 5 days) Estimated costs to be confirmed along with precise dates when possible.

For both groups we will have several training sessions to ensure that the girls are adequately equipped with the knowledge and know-how to complete the Expedition safely.

However, if your daughter can not make this year's dates, other options include going another year, or in the spirit of greater independence and variety, participants can consider organising their expedition through an Approved Activity Provider, AAP, details can be found here <https://www.dofe.org/opportunity-finder/opportunity-for-dofe-participant> or going with the Guernsey Youth Commission who also run open trips.

DofE continue to update their list of activities for sections to include more activities which can be done from home. Please see the attached link if your daughter needs to chance activities.

<https://www.dofe.org/do/ideas/>

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

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Yours sincerely



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Expedition - DofE Planning form

Please complete the slip below and return in by the 4th December 2020 to help us with our planning of the Expedition Section

My daughter..... would like to take part in The Ladies' College Silver/ Gold expedition and can make the proposed dates in 2021 please tick.

- Upper Five Silver Qualifier** Guernsey and Sark Thursday 1st – Saturday 3rd April
- Sixth Form Practice** Guernsey and Sark Thursday 1st – Saturday 3rd April
- Sixth Form Qualifying** Isle of Man (if air bridge is re-opened) sometime between the 3rd – 16th July

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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