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Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

Duke of Edinburgh's Silver/Gold Award – Training & Expedition Update

I am writing to update you on the current situation following the postponement of our training day on the 5^{th} February. Unfortunately, this has knock on effects with the planned expeditions coming up. Please find the revised itinerary for the Training day now planned for the 1^{st} April with the caveat that we will need to be in Stage 3 to proceed.

<u>Thursday 1st April – if in Stage 3</u>

9am Silver groups will meet their supervisors at their chosen start point. They will then be following their planned route to The Ladies' College.

10.30am Gold Groups at The Ladies' College Room1,

Both groups will cover the DofE training framework including, Health and Safety, cooking their lunch on Trangia's, campcraft, and a mapping/navigation learning walk. They should therefore come appropriately dressed for DofE walking with a small rucksack including a drink, what they plan to cook for lunch and wet weather clothing.

3.00pm Gold Groups finish at The Ladies' College

4.30pm Silver groups aim to finish at their chosen end point. (They will be able to call when ready for collection)

Please can I remind you that all of the students will walk in their predetermined walking groups and be remotely supervised by a qualified member of staff when out and about.

We will now look to run both Expeditions in the Summer (Silver Qualifier/ Gold Practice and Qualifier) as before:

This will now take place on island and/or Sark but will be DofE with a difference. To enable the student to gain the important navigation and teamwork skills, DofE Guernsey have created a list of extra activities to complete while away. These include National Navigation Award Bronze, Geocaching / Orienteering, Academic project/study, Night navigation, First Aid Scenarios of which the group must complete three in addition to their walk.

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The Students will continue planning for these expeditions on our training day, and we will confirm dates as soon as possible, currently we are looking at the first 2 weeks of the summer holidays as originally planned.

To give your consent for your daughter to take part in the above days activities, please complete the form below.

If you have any questions regarding DofE please get in touch email <u>rwooldridge@ladiescollege.ac.gg</u>

Yours sincerely

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Yours sincerely Mrs. R Wooldridge Duke of Edinburgh's Award Coordinator, The Ladies' College

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Training day Reply Slip

Student Name:

Date of Birth:

- \Box My daughter can attend the training day on the 1st April
- □ I understand that I will need to let College know any medical updates needed via 'Operoo' (The College's replacement for Care Monkey) one week before the trip.
- □ I understand that my daughter will be remotely supervised.
- □ I agree that my daughter will abide by the College's behaviour policy and understand that should she contravene our expectations, she may not be permitted to continue with the expedition and may be sent home, at my expense.
- □ I confirm that I am happy for my daughter to be photographed or videoed during the expedition as evidence of her participation and that images may be used for the publicity of the DofE Award within College.

Parent/Guardian signature:

Date:

Print name:

Please return this form to the main College office or Mrs Wooldridge by Friday 26th March 2021