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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Gold 2022-2023

We are pleased to welcome your child to the Duke of Edinburgh Gold award this year. I hope that the students are now taking the opportunity to finalise their choices within the volunteering, physical and skills sections of the award and have started entering the details on edofe. Start dates can be backdated to their 16th birthday if they started the activity before enrolment. Students should discuss this with me if start dates need adjusting after enrolment.

We are pleased to offer a comprehensive expedition package using an approved activity provider, Adtrex, run by Scott Smith and based locally. The package includes:

One day training in school run by Adtrex staff: Monday, 27th March

Route and menu planning day for the practice expedition in school: Thursday 20th April

Route and menu planning day for the qualifying expedition in school: Monday 10th July

The two planning days will be run by experienced staff from SLGGS

Practice expedition in the Brecon Beacons Monday 19th- Friday 23rd June

Qualifying expedition in Snowdonia Monday 18th – Friday 22nd September

Please note students must commit to attending on all of these dates, including the training and planning dates, before deciding to sign up.

Mrs Stavri will also run a series of meetings regarding expedition preparation throughout the year.

The cost of the training and two expeditions will be maximum of £790. This includes the hire of the main equipment such as tents, cooking stoves, maps, compasses. Participants will be required to plan and pack their food and purchase their own sleeping bags, mats and clothing including proper walking boots. Please see the attached information from Adtrex for more details on kit and what is provided. We do have some expedition rucksacks in school that can be borrowed if required.

<https://www.adtrex.co.uk/dofe-training-in-canterbury-kent/dofe-expedition-programmes-kent/dofe-group-expedition-programmes-kent/gold-dofe-group-expedition-programme-kent>

Travel will be by coach to the start point and from the finishing point with accommodation in tents at campsites.

Please note that at Gold level, the expedition will challenge participants in terms of fitness, skills and teamwork and will require them to prepare through training. The award is inclusive to all, so

variations can be applied for in the case of medical conditions. If you have any concerns, please discuss them with me.

If your child wishes to participate, we do now require from you a non-refundable deposit of £150. This needs to be paid by Parentpay by 15th October to secure their place on the expeditions and commits you to the full payment for the trip. The second payment will be due on 15th November once we have confirmed sufficient numbers. You will also need to complete the Adtrex Terms and Conditions following the link below by the same date:

[ADTREX School DofE Expedition Programme Booking Terms and Conditions 2023](#)

Payment schedule:

Non-refundable deposit (unless insufficient numbers achieved) 15th October £150

Second payment 15th November £150

Third payment 31st January £250

Fourth payment 28th February £240 (max)

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school dofegold@langton.kent.sch.uk if you wish to discuss anything regarding the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Please note that if your child has not yet completed the enrolment process and paid the enrolment fee they will not be allowed to join the expeditions.

Yours faithfully



Mrs K.Stavri

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Manager