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Dear Parent/Carer

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

I am writing to you to confirm your child's place on the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) is the largest achievement award for young people in the UK. The award operates at three levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold and is open to all young people aged between 14 and 25. The Gold Award is the highest award, open to students aged 16 and upwards. Students have up until their 25th birthday to complete any awards they start.

The Gold Award is offered to students as part of their Stellar programme. As with any out of school activity there is a significant time commitment there is also a financial cost.

The Gold Award consists of four sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skill and Expedition. All four sections have to be completed fully in order to gain the full Gold DofE Award. The school will manage and run the expedition in conjunction with an outside provider, the other three sections the students will have to manage themselves. This will involve a time commitment of usual 1-hour each week, for each of the sections. Successful students will need to attend an initial meeting on Tuesday 5th November at 3p.m (G6) with Ms Williams to enrol and start to plan their activities.

The overall cost has risen slightly to £450 per student and I ask that an initial payment of £50 is paid via parent pay. This covers the DofE's own administration costs of £40 and the expedition training and camping in June and July 2025. In addition to this there may be (depending on how much you already own) the need to buy some clothing an equipment, such as walking boots, rucksacks and waterproofs.

The Gold DofE Award is unique amongst the co-curricular activities offered at BCS. It provides a real genuine challenge and will test students in a number of different ways. To succeed an individual needs to be determined, committed and organised and above all, needs to want to do the award for the right reasons – to test and prove themselves and to gain credit for things they already do or wish to start. It is about much more than just a line on a CV.

Yours sincerely

A Williams

Ms A Williams

Assistant Headteacher

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