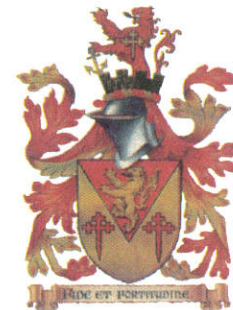


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Dear Parents/Carers

With a number of students taking the D of E Gold Award, we are in a position to be able to organise, with an Approved Activity Provider, our own Gold practice and assessment expeditions. Having met with the students concerned, we have coordinated dates and locations that all students are happy with and which are convenient to all involved.

Training will take place on the Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th March 2018 at Westcliff High School for Girls.

The Practice dates are Sunday 8th April through to Thursday 12th April 2018 in the Peak District based in Hope Valley. This includes arriving and camping on the Sunday before starting the four days (3 nights) out on expedition.

The Assessment Expedition dates are Saturday 21st July through to Wednesday 25th July 2018 in the Brecon Beacons. This includes a day to travel up before the expedition starts and consists of 4 days walking with 3 nights out.

The Approved Activity Provider is Wilderness Expertise. All Adventure Expedition instructors working with the students hold a minimum of Mountain Leader qualification. All instructors hold current enhanced CRB/DBS checks.

The total cost for the Expedition section of the award is **£590.00** per participant and includes transport, hire of group equipment, training, staff, insurance and administration. The participants are to provide their own personal equipment. Payments are to be made on ParentPay as follows:

- **Non returnable deposit: £200.00 per person no later than Friday 2nd March 2018;**
- **Interim Payment: £200.00 by Thursday 29th March 2018**
- **Final Balance: £190.00 by Friday 29th June 2018**

The staff involved in accompanying the students are as follows: Mr James Gardner (WHSG D of E Coordinator, Lowland Leader Award, Outdoor First Aid) and Mrs Rachel Gardner (MiDAS and First Aid and Mental Health First Aid).

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The next stage is for students to commit to the expedition dates and locations by making a non-refundable deposit of £200.00 on ParentPay by Friday 2nd March 2018 (or earlier if possible). Once payment has been made, we can confirm the dates with Adventure Expeditions. Should there be more than 20 interested students, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis with a waiting list if necessary.

I know that the students are very excited already about the prospect of completing their Gold Expedition at this time. Should you have any queries about this expedition please feel free to contact me by email.

Many thanks for your support at this stage.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Gardner', written over a faint circular stamp.

Mr James Gardner

D of E Coordinator – Bronze, Silver and Gold

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