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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE)

I have taken on the role as BWS DofE Co-Ordinator and have spoken with the sixth formers about the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Your son/ward has expressed an interest in participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award this year. The DofE was established to allow young people the chance to explore a variety of extra-curricular activities, whilst developing their teamwork and leadership skills. The five sections of the Gold award are:-

<b>VOLUNTEERING:</b>	Involvement in some form of community service.
<b>SKILL:</b>	The development of a hobby or interest.
<b>PHYSICAL:</b>	Participation in a sporting activity.
<b>EXPEDITION:</b>	To encourage the spirit of adventure and discovery.
<b>RESIDENTIAL:</b>	For the Residential section the boys need to undertake a shared activity or specific course with people they don't know, in a residential setting away from home and in an unfamiliar environment. Plus participating in some form of service, or other adventurous project, over five days, four nights; permission from me in advance.

The Duke of Edinburgh website is available for further information. My role as their DofE Co-Ordinator is to ensure the successful completion of the expeditions. The dates for the expeditions are:

27-30 March 2015	Training in Breacon, Wales
22-25 May 2015	Practice Weekend, Exmoor
30 Jun-5 Jul 2015	Assessed Expedition, Dartmoor

If the numbers exceed two mini buses, ie 30 participants, we will have to hand-pick from the students who will be able to go on the expedition, on the grounds of how far on in the award they are before the practice expedition. There will be the opportunity to roll the award over to the next academic year and complete the expeditions in 2016.

Please check these dates before booking your holidays as your son/ward will need to attend all the above!

The cost of enrolment onto the Gold scheme will be £75, which will cover the entry packs, insurance, school training and administration, plus a £50 non-refundable deposit, to cover any students who need to drop out of the award during the academic year. Those students who are able to commit to the whole award will have their deposit refunded, ie £25 taken off the expedition fees in May and July 2015.

Payment may be made in two ways:-

**Online:** Via [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com). If you need a link code please email [lbr@bws.wilts.sch.co.uk](mailto:lbr@bws.wilts.sch.co.uk)

**Debit/Credit card:** Telephone Finance Office 01722 333851 ext 260.

Enrolment forms are available from Reception. Please complete all the details, including the eDofE ID number, and return to the DofE box in Reception by Friday 3 October 2014. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Nute, our Admin Assistant on [amn@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:amn@bws.wilts.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

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