



# Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

If your son/ward has recently enrolled onto the Gold DofE award he will shortly be able to collect his pack from Reception, with instructions on how to get started.

This year we are pleased to welcome a large number of students onto the award, making us one of the largest centres in Wiltshire. We would hope that all students will complete their award during their time at Bishop's. Our aim is to support boys throughout the award, assisting in the planning and completion of the expedition section. This year, due to the numbers enrolled we will have to divide the boys over the two years, which will mean that some of the students will complete the expedition in their year 13. As in previous years, priority will be given to year 13's, followed by those in year 12. The year 12 students will be informed by the end November which year their expedition will be taking place. The dates are as follows:-

Training Sun 16- Tues 18 April 2017 – Brecon Beacons

Practice Expedition – Fri 26 May-Sun 28 May 2017 - Exmoor

Qualifying Expedition – Wed 5 July-Mon 10 July 2017 – Dartmoor

If you have commitments on any of these dates, and your son/ward would not be able to do his expedition this academic year, please let me know, via Mrs Nute on [amn@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:amn@bws.wilts.sch.uk) to help with our planning.

A number of students have requested that they would like to do their expedition section in canoes. Fortunately, I have been able to find a suitable provider and am happy to offer this to any students who would like to do this section on the water. The cost, obviously, is higher at around £500. This includes hire of equipment, insurance, some transport and leader support. The dates will also be different to those of the above hiking expedition and I will let you have these as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

T W Churchill  
Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator