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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The planned expeditions for this year's Duke of Edinburgh award are due to begin at the start of May (2nd / 3rd) and run at different points until the summer. The current guidance on school trips is that they should be postponed until further notice. In order to follow this guidance, we will be postponing our expeditions for Bronze, Silver and Gold for the foreseeable future, to be rearrange pending any updated guidance.

Any payments that have been made will carry over to the following year, you will **not** be asked to pay any more to complete at a later date. The training nights that the students have completed during the course of the academic year means that they are still eligible for their expeditions.

If the situation changes over the coming weeks, we will reassess whether to try and complete some of their expeditions before the summer. Students should carry on (where possible) to complete their sections (Volunteering, Skills and Physical), as this will help them complete the award after the expedition have taken place. This will not hinder their ability to sign up for and complete the other levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. We as staff will continue to prepare them for the expeditions (completing maps and sorting out groups) in order to allow the expeditions to take place smoothly when possible.

Thank you for your understanding at this time and if you have any questions regarding the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, please contact us and we will answer as best as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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