

Our Ref: LD/JP/cc/DofE Gold Award

25<sup>th</sup> January 2021



Barr Beacon School  
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Dear Parent/Guardian

I write to update you on your child's Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Barr Beacon is still planning to go ahead with the practice and assessed expedition on the following dates, providing the government and Duke of Edinburgh Award guidelines allow them to take place:

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Currently the government is not allowing overnight school residentials, and although this could change by April 2021, we are going to plan that this restriction might still be in place. Therefore, pupils will return home each evening to sleep and further details will be shared with pupils nearer the time.

The kit and food requirements needed for the expeditions can be found on the below link  
<https://www.dofe.org/shopping/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Expedition-Kit-Guide-October-2020.pdf>.

Although pupils will be going home to sleep on the practice expedition, they will continue to cook all three meals on site so that they gain as full an experience as possible so they are prepared for their assessed expedition. Please remember that the school will provide cooking equipment and tents for pupils to use.

Next week pupils will receive an email from Miss Hanson inviting them to join a Team's meeting in February 2021. The meeting will provide pupils with information on route planning, the volunteer, physical and skills sections, as well as advice for developing their fitness before the expeditions.

If your child is in Year 13 they must ensure that they have completed their voluntary, physical and skill sections on their eDofE account. Each section must also have been approved by Miss Hanson before they take part in the practice expedition in April 2021.

The final deadline for the Year 12 deposit of £90.00 which was due to be paid last term, is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. If the deposit is not paid by this date then your child will be unable to go on the expedition. The next instalment of £50.00 is due by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and the final instalment of £50.00 by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

We have extended the deadlines on Wisepay for you to be able to make these payments. If the expeditions are unable to take place then £161 will be reimbursed for those who have paid in full. The school cannot reimburse the £29 for the Gold DofE Starter Pack as we have already paid for these.

Year 12 pupils also need to ensure they have submitted their proposal for their Voluntary, Physical and Skill sections on eDOE and this has been approved by Miss Hanson before they take part in the practice expedition in April 2021.

If your child has any questions about their award please ask them to email Miss Hanson. Alternatively you can contact the school on 0121 366 6600 and ask to speak to Mr Phillips (Deputy Headteacher) or email [postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

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