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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Gold Expeditions Trip Award Leader – Miss Wilband

I am writing to inform you of the opportunities available to your son/daughter regarding the Gold Award Expedition Section.

As you are aware, due to the pandemic, the Expedition section of the Award has been postponed until trips can take place. Some of the regulations regarding trip processes have been lifted and I am now excited to offer the Gold Award participants the opportunity to complete their Expedition section through an 'Open Award Expedition' which is available at a reduced cost through the AAP (Approved Activity Provider) that the school employs. Alternatively, students may choose to complete their Expedition Section through alternative AAP, a list of these is available from the DofE Regional Office or online.

Rich Adventure have the following Open Award opportunities for participants to complete their Gold Expedition sections:

Canoe

9-13 June, Wye

11-15 July, Wye

2-6 August, Trent

1-5 September, Severn

Walking

24-28 July, Buxton

10-14 August, Edale

Rich Adventure state...

"In light of our good relationship with QEGS for many years, and having seen many of these students through their Bronze and Silver, we'd like to offer your students the following discounted rates:

£440 for walking

£590 for canoeing

These prices are inclusive of VAT and include campsite fees and all group equipment (tents, stoves, canoeing kit).

More information and booking form can be found through our website at: <https://www.richadventure.co.uk/dofe-open-expeditions>

It would be a real pleasure to see some QEGS students through their Gold this year despite all the challenges 2020/21 have brought!"

It is important to remind students that they do have to complete a practice and an assessed expedition and that the prices above reflect this. It would be advantageous for participants to also have completed (or on the way to completing) the Physical, Volunteering and Skills section of the Award before they consider the Expedition Section.

If you would like any further information regarding this opportunity, please do email for details. There will hopefully be Gold Expeditions organised through school next academic year for the current Year 12s. This means that Year 12 students should decide whether to do the Expedition Section this year or next and keep the DofE Award Team informed at school.

If you have any queries or questions regarding the DofE Award, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or by phone. You can also explore the Award on the official Duke of Edinburgh's Award website <http://www.dofe.org>

Yours faithfully

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