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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Gold Expeditions Trip Award Leader – Ms Watson Jones

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

This year Gold Award participants have 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 an alternative AAP, a list of these is available online (<https://www.dofe.org/opportunity-finder/approved-activity-provider/?paged=1>).

Rich Adventure have the following Open Award opportunities for participants to complete their Gold Expedition sections in 2022:

Canoe

Participants can pick 2 blocks of 5 days from the following (the first block will count as the practice expedition and the second as the assessed expedition):

4th – 8th April - River Trent

1st – 5th August - River Trent (different sections)

21st – 25th August - River Wye

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:

£550 for QEGS students canoeing (normal price £700).

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

Walking

20th – 24th July

8th – 12th August

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

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms Watson Jones', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ms Watson Jones
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