



Bideford College
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Tuesday, 20 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award- Gold

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has been described as a 'A life-changing experience'. It is a personal programme of activities, set up in 1956 (1958 for girls) to "inspire, guide and support young people in their self-development and recognise their achievements." It is an internationally recognised award which is highly respected by employers and universities alike. It provides the tools to develop essential skills for future life and work whilst giving students an opportunity to make new friends and experience an adventure.

If your son/ daughter wishes to complete The Duke of Edinburgh's Award the cost of the 'welcome pack' which includes their EDofE login, important information about the award and their certificate and badge is **£29**. Please note this does not include the cost of the expedition. To enrol your son/ daughter, please complete 'The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Participant Enrolment Form' which can be found on The Duke of Edinburgh's Award section of the Bideford College website by **Monday 2 November 2020**. An option to pay via Parent Pay will be added to your son/ daughters account. Please make payment via Parent Pay by **Friday 13 November 2020**. If you do not have access to Parent Pay, please contact the finance office and request a PayPoint letter and instructions for use.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award have launched **The Resilience Fund** which provides young people who are in receipt of Free School Meals, are classified as Pupil Premium, reside in an IMD 1-3 postcode area or have been financially impacted by Covid-19 with a fully funded participation place to allow them to start on their DofE journey. Please contact the college to see if your son/ daughter is eligible for this funding. Please note this does not include the cost of the expedition.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the college.

Yours faithfully

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