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Dear Parents and Carers

Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Silver Level

As many of you are aware the unprecedented situation we have faced this year has resulted in the postponement of your child's Duke of Edinburgh expedition. However, with the reopening of the college, I am eager to press on with the Duke of Edinburgh award in the safest, most beneficial way possible.

While some lockdown measures are easing in parts of the UK, there are still barriers to delivering 'traditional' experiences at this time. In order to help combat this, and to allow your child every opportunity to complete their award, there have been temporary changes to the programme:

- Relaxed rules around recommended environments, so participants don't have to leave their local area to complete an expedition will allow us to utilise school grounds.
- Participants will be allowed to return home to sleep during the expedition. They will however still plan and cook their meals as a team and of course meet the minimum hours of planned activity during the day.

Further details about temporary changes to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award can be found on their official website at www.dofe.org

As a result of these changes, the Expedition will run as a night-day-night-day event, which will consist of the teams coming together after school on Friday to cook their meals and plan their upcoming days, before returning home that evening. They will then return the following morning to begin the day's activities, before heading home and returning on the Sunday to complete their final day.

	Start	End
Qualifying Expedition date	1700 Friday 2 October 2020	1700 Sunday 4 October 2020

We will follow up with more specific detail from our expedition partners, and via assemblies over the coming weeks. If you or your child should have any questions regarding the Expedition or the Award in general, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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