



# Cardiff High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### RE Duke of Edinburgh Award Update

You will be aware, from previous correspondence that we are no longer able to offer the Duke of Edinburgh Award as a Directly Licenced Centre. This has not been an easy decision for us as we recognise the value of this enrichment opportunity. Unfortunately, budgetary constraints have led to this decision.

For students already enrolled within the programme, there is an opportunity to complete the award as follows:

#### **Bronze Award**

All Bronze participants will have undertaken their expeditions. In order to complete the award, the volunteering, skill, physical sections and associated assessors' reports need to be completed and uploaded on to your child's eDofE account by 31 March 2024. After this date, our account with the DofE will be closed and the deadline for completion, via school, will have passed.

#### **Silver Award Year 12**

All Silver participants, currently in Year 12, will have undertaken their expeditions. They must complete and upload the volunteering, skill, physical sections and associated assessors' reports to their eDofE account by 31 March 2024. Failure to do so by this date will mean that the deadline for completion, via school, will have passed.

#### **Silver Award Year 11**

All Silver participants, currently in Year 11, must complete and upload the volunteering, skill, physical sections and associated assessors' reports to their eDofE account by 31 March 2024. Failure to do so by this date will mean that the deadline for completion, via school, will have passed. They are due to undertake their expeditions this summer and, despite the fact that our deadline for eDofE work being uploaded is 31 March 2024, we have managed to negotiate for them to complete their expeditions after this date. Successful completion of the expeditions, coupled with the uploading of relevant material (by March 31) will lead to the Silver Award being accredited.

The expeditions will be led by the Urdd and the dates are as follows.

- Training day – 26 July 2024 (times & location to be confirmed)
- Practise 3 – 5 August 2024
- Qualifying expedition 20 – 22 August 2024

If you would like your child to participate in these expeditions, the cost will be £310.

The final date for payment will be **22 March 2024**. Payment can be made by cheque – made payable to Cardiff High School or via Parent Pay.

If payment has not been made by this date, we will assume that your child does not wish to participate in the expeditions and will not, therefore, achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award via school.

### **Gold Award**

All Gold participants are able to transfer to the DofE Direct Service to continue with their Award. Please see attached letter for information in relation to this.

### **Participants Who Do Not Complete By The End of The School's Licence Period**

For Bronze and Silver participants who are unable to complete their respective awards by the end of Cardiff High's licence period, they are able to contact DofE in a bid to find an alternative centre such as the Scouts and Girl Guides

### **Certificates**

All successful candidates will be presented with their certificates in school. We will advise you of the date nearer the time.

Finally, thank you for your patience in relation to this matter. We have worked very hard, within a very challenging framework, to find a solution which provides all current participants the opportunity to successfully complete this very worthy achievement.

Yours sincerely



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