

Headteacher: Mr D. Whales | Chair of Governors: Mr A. Brown

15<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to provide an update regarding the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) programme.

Unfortunately, due to low participant numbers, the expedition that was initially advertised to take place in June 2026 will no longer be able to run as planned. We understand that this may be disappointing, and we thank you for your understanding.

However, we will still be registering your child for the DofE Award, allowing them to begin working on the Skills, Physical and Volunteering sections of the programme. Students will be able to start these sections in the coming months and, in most cases, complete them well in advance of the expedition.

The expedition section will now take place in June 2027. By beginning the other sections now, students will be well prepared and ready to complete their award once the expedition takes place.

If you have any questions, would like further information about the programme, or do **not** wish for your child to be registered, please contact me by **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.

You will be refunded any amount you have already paid other than the cost of the DofE registration which is £35. If you do not wish for your child to be registered, then you will be refunded the full amount back.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



**Mrs E Tarjanyi**

**D of E Manager**

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