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Dear Parents / Carers

Duke of Edinburgh, Bronze Award

As you are aware we committed to providing as many enrichment activities as we can, even in these challenging circumstances. Consequently, we would like to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award in a way that is safe and does not further impact their studies. Therefore, in conjunction with Duke of Edinburgh, Gloucester Health and Safety and our outside provider, Ocean Rock, we are proposing the following option:

The day hike model:

- Participants are broken down into groups of 10 resulting in a maximum of two teams at the starting point at any one time.
- Teams will subsequently walk to the destination in staggered waves.
- Arrivals will again be staggered; the teams will cook up a meal and pitch a tent; parents will pick up from the site. All of this will be staggered so that no more than ten students are being collected at any time.
- At drop off & pick up times, parents/carers will be asked to remain in their vehicle, as per our Covid-19 Secure Expedition Risk Assessment (this will be made available for you).
- Teams will return to the site on Day 2 and complete their journey.

As such, participants will have the opportunity to complete their full Award, journey and work together as a team and enjoy some camp craft.

The proposed dates are January 30th and 31st 2021 and will act as both their training and assessed expedition due to Covid-19 restrictions. These dates has been selected to minimise impact on GCSE studies.

In Term 2, we will meet with the students to help prepare them for the weekend of walking and camp craft.

We are really pleased that we are able to offer this opportunity for them to complete the Award and experience key parts of the expedition section, particularly during such restricted times. In the meantime, please could you encourage your son/daughter to keep persevering with the three other sections of the award. I understand that restrictions in place will make this in itself challenging, but Duke of Edinburgh have provided lots of advice regarding finding suitable activities so please do make use of their website.

If you or your son/daughter would like to contact a Duke of Edinburgh staff member, please could you use the new email address: dofe@rednockschool.org.uk

At this time, we would like to thank you for your understanding and support with what will be a different but nonetheless rewarding experience.

Yours faithfully

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