



Our Ref: APO|ATR|001

7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice & Final Expedition – Updates & Parental Consent**

**UPDATE:**

I am delighted that many students are enjoying being involved in the DofE programme and some have even completed the various sections. So far some have been helping in the local community, **volunteering** at Brownies, Football clubs, Church, Westonbirt Arboretum and litter picking. There are **skills** such as touch typing on line, baking, learning Korean and singing.

The students may need some support in getting their various sections completed - these are Volunteering, Skills and Physical. They have to do each of the sections for 3, 6 months and one of them for 12 months.

By now their programme should have been entered on the DofE website, either through the main website or using the app on their phones. The students have had several meetings to support them and reminders sent by email and on Google Classroom.

**MOVING FORWARD:**

You could further support your child by helping them get them assessed.

As part of their programme they need to think and arrange who will assess them as it can't be a friend or family member.

At the end of duration, the assessor can then write a report on the DofE website using the students ID number, which they should all have. If they do not see their assessor regularly, they can submit evidence to their assessor, who can then go on and fill in the report. This will avoid DofE being overloaded with weekly photographs of cakes, art work and bike rides.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Evening of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June** Parents presentation evening by Ocean Rock detailing what they will expect and need for the expedition. This will be virtual. A link will be emailed closer to the time. This does clash with Year 8 PCM, but the meeting will be recorded and available on Google Classroom after the event. Ocean Rock and myself are available should you have any questions.

**PARENTAL CONSENT REQUIRED:**

Please complete **both Parental Consent forms** (the Ocean Rock form and the School form) included in the email along with this letter, and return to school Main Reception by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April**.

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**HELPFUL RESOURCES:**

Video for assessors:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RX0lrf13Uc8>

Kind regards

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