



Dear families,

## Gold DofE Award Update

This year we have 16 students signed up for Gold DofE which is an excellent number! We have started our weekly enrichment meetings on Wednesday afternoons and the students have handed in their programme planner outlining what they would like to do for each of their sections.

### Finance

As already communicated, the cost of the award this year is £400. We have split this into 4 payments as shown below, the deposit of £50 is due by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October** and once this has been paid, I will be able to register students with DofE. There will then be three further installments as set out in the table below.

£50	Due by Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 (non-refundable deposit)
£100	Due by Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025
£100	Due by Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
£150	Due by Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025

All payments have to be made through SCOPAY, which is our online payments system. You can find this on the school website [www.Stbedescc.org](http://www.Stbedescc.org). Click in 'Key Information' on the banner and then 'Online Payments', this will take you to the SCOPAY Portal.

If you are not registered for SCOPAY please contact the finance office to obtain the 'link code' required to access your child(ren)'s account, on [finance@stbcc.org](mailto:finance@stbcc.org). You can then Register as a new user.

If you are registered but can't remember your password, use the 'forgotten password' option.

If you can't remember whether you are registered, please contact the finance team as per the email above and we will send a reminder of the email address you are registered with.

For students who receive a bursary, who are a young carer or for those with additional learning needs there is some support available. If you think this applies, please get in contact with me.

### Equipment

I have attached to this letter a full expedition equipment list. This is a list of all of the items that students will need to safely be able to complete their Gold DofE. The list gives some DofE recommended brands, and there are alternatives that may be more suitable to fit budgets. Please shop around and remember that once students have their eDofE login they will be able to get a discount in most outdoor shops. I am sending this now as some of the items can be expensive and make excellent Christmas/Birthday gifts.

We will provide **group equipment** (tents, cooking stoves, first aid kit, maps and compasses). We have a small number of rucksacks, sleeping bags and roll mats that can be borrowed.

For the day hike in March students must have:

- A pair of waterproof walking boots (NOT shoes)
- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers

If you have any questions about anything at this stage, please drop me an email ([silverm@stbcc.org](mailto:silverm@stbcc.org)).

Kind Regards,

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