

01 October 2020

Dear Parent or Carer

**RE: Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

I am writing to you with an update on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in School.

As you know, we were unfortunately unable to run the expeditions that we had planned for the summer term, for obvious reasons. Current Government guidance means that I cannot reschedule those expeditions until probably after Christmas. Please be assured that I am keen to ensure these expeditions go ahead as soon as Government/School guidance permits, but until the guidance changes, my hands are somewhat tied. With that said, I have provisionally planned for the expeditions to be rescheduled for the following dates:

Bronze Practice: 27/28 March 2021  
Bronze Qualifying: 19/20 June 2021

Silver Practice: 8/9/10 April 2021  
Silver Qualifying: 1/2/3 May 2021

Gold Practice: 29/30/31/1 May/June 2021  
Gold Qualifying: 25/26/27/28/29 July 2021

I must stress that these dates are subject to change depending upon local and national guidance at the time.

In the meantime, it is really important that students of all award levels continue to work on their Physical, Skills, and Volunteering sections themselves at home. It is my hope that by the time we are able to resume expeditions students should have completed their other sections, meaning that once their expeditions are done, they will have successfully completed their whole award level.

If students have any questions/queries about any of their other section work they can email me on the email address below:

[jess.yates@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:jess.yates@driffieldschool.org.uk)

If I can't answer their questions via email I will arrange a brief meeting with them after school to discuss their query.

Please note, the regular Tuesday night Duke of Edinburgh meetings will likely not resume until after October half term, though this may be as late as Christmas, depending on the latest advice. I will be in contact with you in due course to advise when meetings will restart, and with further information about expeditions.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Yates". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Miss J Yates  
Duke of Edinburgh Manager