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Dear Parents/Guardians

I am writing with reference to the Duke of Edinburgh Award – in particular the expedition sections. The current situation regarding Covid-19 and associated guidelines relating to social distancing have made decisions around expeditions very straightforward – albeit disappointing for the boys.

The following expedition dates are **cancelled**:

Bronze Training 9 May – 10 May

Silver Training 15 May – 17 May

Gold Training 29 March – 1 April

In terms of the qualifying expeditions, I fully anticipate that these will also fall victim to cancellation. However, for the moment, I intend to leave them on the calendar. There is the potential, should they run, for the planned July Bronze expedition to count as the qualifier, while the June Silver and July Gold expeditions could count as training. If this turns out to be possible then I will schedule qualifiers for early in the next academic year.

All current payments and enrolment fees will cover any amendments made to our programme here at BWS and I will keep you up to date with all necessary amendments.

Ultimately the boys have until age 25 to sign off and complete their awards, thus giving plenty of scope for delay and rescheduling options at this early stage rather than complete cancellations.

My thanks for your understanding and patience at this difficult time and very best wishes to you and your families.

Kind regards

James Oldham