



THE KING'S SCHOOL

GRANTHAM



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. As you will be aware the expeditions were moved from the spring time due to the Covid-19 situation moved to the end of September and early October; the exact dates for the expeditions can be found in the table below.

Practice Expedition	26 and 27 September 2020
Assessed Expedition	3 and 4 October 2020

I am delighted to inform you that the current Government guidelines allow us to hold these expeditions and as a result your son will be able to complete the Bronze Award in full. I am sure you are aware that holding the Duke of Edinburgh's Award will benefit your son in later life. I pleased that this year's Bronze group will now be given this fantastic opportunity. We will of course ensure that, along with the usual health and safety requirements, we will have a Covid-19 risk assessment in place; this will be put together by ourselves and BXM. I will write to your with details of this closer to the time of the expedition.

If you wish for your son to continue with the expedition and therefore complete the award can I ask that the full payment for the Bronze Award is made using the School's ParentPay system. As I wrote in the letter sent out in March the deadline for payment is **11.00am on Thursday 27 August 2020**. If the balance has not been paid by 11.00am on Thursday 27 August 2020 then your son will not be able to complete the expeditions and therefore unable to complete the Bronze Award.

Can I also take the opportunity to remind you of BXM's cancellation policy:

"BXM Expeditions must have 4 weeks' notice of any cancellation or withdrawal from the award in order to receive a refund. Refunds are not given for events already attended or within 4 weeks of notification. For example, if a participant attends a training day and decides to not continue with the expedition section of the award and the Practice and Qualifying expedition are more than 4 weeks away a refund will be given for the Practice and Qualifying expeditions. If the Practice expedition is 3 weeks away from the notification and the Qualifying is 5 weeks away, a refund will be given for the Qualifying expedition but not the Practice."

If you have already paid the full amount and your son no longer wishes to complete the Award Expeditions you must have informed the Finance Department by the 27th August Deadline in order to access any refund that may be available.

I appreciate that this may be a difficult request for some at this time; but it is important we have accurate numbers and payments by the deadline to allow us to meet our commitments to BXM. Please contact me on my school email address (Thomas.cawthorn@kings.lincs.sch.uk) if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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