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SEXEY'S

SIXTH

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Cullen BSc (Hons)

*Working together with a determination
to be exceptional in all that we do*

Dear Parents and Guardians

Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award is available to all students in Year 12 or over 16. The Award requires five sections to be completed: Skill, Physical, Volunteer, Residential and Expedition. The Award is well regarded by employers and Universities and is one of the leading personal development awards available to young people.

Each participant must specify which activity they intend to undertake for each section and submit this for approval to Mr Hamlin (students will be given further support with this). Once approved, they must update their progress by uploading evidence online (such as blog entries or photos).

The Award is held in high regard both for personal development and by employers and has been popular at Sexey's. The Award relies on the individual motivation and diligence of the individual and so students ought to think carefully about whether they have the commitment required to complete this. Further information can be found on the Duke of Edinburgh website: www.dofe.org

The cost for registration onto the Award is **£70** which includes log on materials, licence fee and administration charges set by Somerset County Council. There will be a further charge for both the practice and qualifying expeditions (walking) which will usually take place around the last week of June (these costs are dependent on numbers and expedition location but budget for between £100/£120 per expedition). The Residential section is the responsibility of the student to fund and complete. There is a bursary scheme available from Somerset County Council for those that meet the criteria (contact Mr Hamlin to enquire) Participants will be required to arrange their own expeditions with an approved activity if they wish to do an expedition by bike/canoe/sail/horseback (see www.Dofe.org/opportunity_finder for further information).

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Sexey's School.

Yours sincerely

Mr David Hamlin

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Gold DofE Award Registration - Please return to reception with payment by **14 October 2022** or email me a copy
PLEASE INDICATE BELOW HOW YOU WILL PAY;

Please charge £70.00 to my boarding Account – Boarders only

OR: via ParentPay by contacting Mrs Humberston at lhumberston@sexseys.somerset.sch.uk

OR*I will pay via BACS £70 sort code 30-67-47 Account # 68135768
Account Name: Quantock Education Trust -Sexey's School

PLEASE ENSURE YOU USE REFERENCE: **GDOFE (SURNAME)**

Participant Name:..... Date of Birth:.....

Completion of Previous Awards? Yes/No If yes: Bronze or Silver? E-DofE number:

Signed.....(Parent / Guardian)



A Church of England, state boarding and day school for 11-18