



# Backwell School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Duke of Edinburgh Gold Direct : Expression of Interest**

We would like to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to complete his/her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award at Backwell School next year as a Gold Direct participant. The Gold Award follows a similar programme to the Bronze, but the expedition phase is a lot more challenging. For this reason, we will be running some compulsory training for any students interested in signing up for Gold. The dates of this training will be **from Saturday, 14 July to Monday, 16 July 2018.**

This weekend is separate from the Gold Award and taking part will not mean that students have signed up to the full award – the aim is to give the students a taster of what is required at Gold and also to train them for an expedition which will be much more challenging than the one they completed for their Bronze Award. It will also be an opportunity for us to assess their suitability.

We are pleased to be working together with Wild Country Consultants once again, and their team of experienced leaders will work alongside the students throughout the weekend.

The cost of the weekend will be approximately £100 (this will be confirmed once we know exact numbers).

If your son/daughter is interested in taking part in this weekend, please complete the form below and return to Student Services by **Monday, 9 October.**

Yours sincerely

Miss H Cook   Mrs L Griffiths  
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinators

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**Please return to Miss Cook and Mrs Griffiths via Student Services by Monday, 9 October.**

NAME OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ TUTOR GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

**Duke of Edinburgh Gold Direct : Expression of Interest:** My son/daughter would be interested in completing the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award training weekend from Saturday, 14 July to Monday, 16 July 2018.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer