

Our Lady's Catholic High School

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Being One of Ours

Dear Parents/Carers,

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Presentation Evening

We hope your child has enjoyed their Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) experience this year. The Award requires dedication, organisation, teamwork and resilience, and we have been extremely impressed by the commitment and skills students have demonstrated.

To celebrate their achievements, we are delighted to invite you to our Annual DofE Presentation Evening at 5.15pm on Thursday 26th November in the Arts Theatre.

Format of the evening:

- 3.00pm – School finishes
- 3.45pm – Free pizza for students in school
- 5.00pm – Arts Theatre opens
- 5.15pm – Presentation Evening begins
- 6.15pm – Presentation Evening finishes

Guest Speaker – John Volanthen, GM

We are delighted to welcome John Volanthen, GM, a world-renowned British cave diver, explorer and rescue specialist. John played a leading role in the 2018 Tham Luang cave rescue in Thailand, where he and Rick Stanton were the first to locate the missing youth football team. His remarkable story of teamwork, resilience and determination reflects many of the qualities at the heart of DofE.

Completing the Bronze Award

To receive their Award, students must upload their evidence and have each section signed off by the relevant assessor (this cannot be a parent or family member). The school will complete the Expedition section.

All evidence must be uploaded by 31st October 2026. Students experiencing any difficulties should speak to Mr Thompson as soon as possible.

Looking Ahead – Silver DofE

In the coming weeks, we will be inviting students to progress to the Silver Award, with expeditions planned in the Lake District in May and July next year. This is a fantastic opportunity to build on their Bronze experience and gain another valuable award for future college, sixth-form and apprenticeship applications.

We hope you will be able to join us to celebrate the students' achievements.

Kind Regards,

Mrs McNeela
Assistant Headteacher



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
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