

Subject: Gold Expedition 2026 – Places & Payment Information

Dear Gold Award Students and Parents,

We are preparing for the **Gold Expedition 2026** in mid-Wales, delivered in partnership with *Expeditions Wales*.

This year we have an exceptionally high number of students interested. Because of limits on accommodation, transport, and campsite capacity, places will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served basis**. A total of **100 student places** are available across two expedition cohorts.

Key Dates

- **Payment portal opens:**
Tuesday 21 October 2025, 19:30 (7:30 PM)
- **Payment deadline:**
Thursday 31 October 2025

How to Secure a Place

- Students must make the **Stage 1 payment** via CristalWeb once the portal opens.
- The first **100 payments received** (CristalWeb time-stamp) will secure a place.

Waiting List

- Payments received after all places are filled will be added to a waiting list in time order.
- If a space becomes available, it will be offered to the next student on the list.

Refunds

- Students on the waiting list who are not offered a place will receive a **full refund**.
- Refunds will also be given if a student later chooses to withdraw before Christmas.

Financial Support

If a student is experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the College's Financial Support Team as soon as possible.

More information and the application form can be found here:

[Financial Assistance – The Sixth Form College Farnborough](#)

Next Steps

- Check the student can access **CristalWeb** in advance.
- Be ready to make the payment promptly at **19:30 on 21 October**.
- Watch out for further updates from the College.

We're committed to making this process as smooth and fair as possible. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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