



11 March 2019

D of E Bronze Expeditions 2019:
Practice weekend 11 to 12 May
Assessed weekend 15 to 16 June

Dear parents of Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Level

I am pleased to announce that the dates for the Bronze expeditions are now confirmed as above. The practice weekend will be based in the area south east of Northampton, camp will be at the Overstone Scout Camping ground.

Format for the practice weekend will be:

Assemble at school 9:30am Saturday 11 May, where there will be a final check of equipment. Minibus transfer to drop off points, teams of pupils dropped off (with an accompanying teacher) to complete their day one walk as planned, carrying all the necessary kit to enable complete self sufficiency for the weekend. Our planned routes all finish at Grendon Outdoor Learning site, however due to Northants County Council's decision to close the site at short notice we are bus transferring the teams to Overstone for the overnight camp where pupils will put up tents, prepare their hot meals and rest for the next day. School will provide pre-prepared lightweight boil in the bag meals for the Saturday evening meal, but teams will prepare and source the rest of their two day menus using skills developed during next term. Menus will be checked and finalised in the last week before departure.

Day two will involve an early start followed by breaking camp transferring to Grendon and completing the last section of the walk, again accompanied by staff. Return to school by minibus late afternoon (aim 4pm) Sunday 12 May.

The assessed weekend will be based at Mandale Farm (grid ref: SK 184, 664) within 2 Km of Monyash in the Derbyshire Peak District. Teams will undertake their 25km routes unaccompanied over the two days, however they will be monitored and met at danger points such as main road crossings. We will have the services of a qualified expedition leader to assess the teams and sign off our record books.

Please return the attached consent form by Friday 29 March. As per school policy the cost of £65 (covers both events) will be added to your extras bill.

Everyone should now begin to assemble their full kit, we will be having drop in kit check sessions this term where any kit can be brought in. It is worth reiterating that the award can only be completed if both of these expeditions are completed, but also these are guaranteed to be memorable weekends. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

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Form of Consent

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Pupil's name: Year: Tutor/Class Teacher:

Pupil's address

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BY THIS FORM I GIVE MY CONSENT to my child taking part in the Bronze DofE expeditions, dates as above.

UPON THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

- 1) I understand and acknowledge that the School has employers' and public liability insurance cover and in addition, the Pupil Accident Insurance, paid by parents on a termly basis covers personal accident to pupils or loss or damage to personal effects and clothing when the School is not at fault. (Details of insurance cover may be obtained from the Finance Department)
- 2) I will ensure that my child is properly equipped for the activity as laid down by the teacher in charge.
- 3) I give permission for my child to take part in all activities relating to the trip by returning a signed slip to the teacher in charge.
- 4) I give permission for my child to travel in seat-belted transport.
- 5) I agree that, if my son/daughter persists (after clear warning) with behaviour likely to threaten the safety, well-being or happiness of the party, I will arrange his/her immediate return home at my expense and with the minimum of inconvenience to the adults leading the party. The decision will be made by the teacher in charge of the visit, who will contact me, if possible, one stage before making this decision.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (eg medical requirements – drugs, treatment, etc.)

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Doctor's name, address and telephone number:

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I AUTHORISE the teacher(s) in charge to sign the necessary papers on my behalf should my child require emergency medical treatment or an operation whilst on the visit. I understand that this will only be necessary if the School is unable to contact us/me.

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Contact telephone numbers:

Contact email:.....

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