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18th January 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer

As part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award your child is completing there is the requirement to take part in two expedition weekends. The expedition is needed to complete the award as well as having positive impacts on your child's learning and personal development.

The expedition dates are as follows:

Expedition Group 1 – 20th & 21st May (training) and 27th & 28th May (qualifying)

Expedition Group 2 – 1st & 2nd July (training) and 15th & 16th July (qualifying)

Your child is aware of which group they are in as they were also given the opportunity to choose the dates they wished to attend, and this has now been confirmed. If there are any major unforeseen issues, we are unable to complete the training weekends, there will be the opportunity to complete the expedition in 2024.

Your child will be responsible for their own expedition camping equipment and food, but all group equipment will be provided, and help will be given to ensure all personal equipment is suitable. **The group equipment will be issued during school so it can be packed and checked by your child; it is vital they do this personally and add their personal clothing, toiletries, any medication, and food.**

The Duke of Edinburgh Course is about independence and responsibility, therefore young people should be, whenever possible, completing tasks independently. This will take place after the Easter break.

The campsite we are using is Seathwaite Farm in Borrowdale <https://seathwaitefarmcamping.co.uk/>.

Unfortunately, the cost of the campsite, fuel and equipment will need to be paid for in advance. It is D of E policy that only basic services (water and waste) are used and if this is not adhered to the expedition will be null and void, however I am sure this will not affect what I am sure will be two excellent weekends of adventure!

There will be a school planning session for these trips so **your child will know in advance of any requirements for the expedition**, however, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either by phone, email or via your child. In addition to this, the D of E web page has all the relevant information about the award and the expedition criteria: <http://www.dofe.org/>.

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Therefore, I look forward to seeing your child at the Academy at **10.00 am on the Saturday of their expedition dates, returning the following day (hopefully!). We plan to arrive back to school at approximately 4.30 pm.**

Yours sincerely

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