

Our ref: NDE/nky

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – Assessed Expedition: Thursday 28th to Friday 29th June 2018.

On Thursday 28th June all students will be expected to participate in the next part of the DofE expedition hike and overnight camping at Tolmers. Please note your son/daughter will need all the food they require along with emergency rations. Students must carry at least 1 litre of drinking water. Participants must be self-sufficient and must carry EVERYTHING that they require – a full kit list has already been given out. Students should dress appropriately for the weather conditions. We do have a limited kit store but do have some of the above available to borrow, please see Miss de Laune should you wish to borrow any kit or a bag. All participants must wear hiking boots. Please note that your son/daughter should carry with them an individual first aid kit. It is suggested that participants do not bring with them any items of value. If students are using cameras for part of their presentation or activity, they remain the student's responsibility at all times.

Participants need to meet with full kit on Brickendon Green (SG13 8PG) on Thursday 28th June at 9am. Due to lack of parking at the drop off point we ask where possible for students to share lifts within their walking group.

Students will need to be collected after their teams debrief with the Assessor, from outside The Bakers Arms (9 Ashdene Rd, Bayford, Hertford SG13 8PX) at approx 4.30-5pm on Friday 29th June please note debriefs can often overrun and end times depend on when students arrive at the end point so please be mindful that this is an approximation. Again where possible can we ask students to lift share as parking is restricted. Parents will be contacted if participants are expected much later than this.

Mobile phones: Please note mobile phones are forbidden during these expeditions. In order to comply with Duke of Edinburgh rules, on the actual expedition, only one student from each group will need to bring a mobile phone that is switched off and sealed in an envelope for emergencies only. In the event of any emergencies students can be contacted via the school mobile on 07515984945 (one member of staff will have the school mobile but please note we will be in the countryside and could experience signal issues). Participants must NOT bring their phone unless they have been told to.

Behaviour: Please note that all students will be expected to abide by the Duke of Edinburgh Code of Conduct which they signed – students not adhering to this code will be disqualified from all expeditions.

Would you please complete and return the attached reply slip to the Main Reception no later than Monday 4th June.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, please contact via your child.

Yours sincerely,

N G de Laune
Miss de Laune
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator



REPLY SLIP

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – Assessed Expedition overnight camp – Thursday 28th – Friday 29th June 2018

Please return this reply slip to the Main Reception by Monday 4th June

Name of Student (please print)

I give permission for my son/daughter* (delete where applicable) to participate in the above expedition

Signed.....Parent/Carer

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER (please ensure an up to date contact number is given below)

.....Parent/Carer

Any medical or other issues of which the Academy should be aware: (i.e. Asthma, dietary requirements etc)

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Date.....2018