



18th May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Bronze Walking Assessed – Friday 10th June – Saturday 11th June
Trip/Award Leader: Ms Watson Jones

I am writing to inform you of the Bronze Walking Assessed Expedition details, which will run from Friday 10th to Saturday 11th June in the Peak District. The Expedition fees have already been covered as part of the DofE costs and there is no extra charge for this.

Students need to arrive at Grinlow car Park, Grin Low road, SK17 6UJ between 8.30 and 8.45am. Students will be met here by Ms Watson Jones and Rich Adventure. They will be following their designated route under remote supervision from a qualified and experienced instructor and a DofE Assessor.

Between now and then, the groups must complete their route card as a team. It is imperative that they know their group number (the same as the practice weekend, which can also be found on Teams). The route cards should be filled out online using the e-learning link to the Rich Adventure website; www.richadventure.co.uk/qegs2022 (the password to enter this landing page can be found on TEAMS).

As with the practice weekend, it is imperative that students wear suitable walking boots (not shoes), that clothing is suitable for walking in (no jeans or denim) and that a waterproof coat and trousers are packed, in case of inclement weather. Students need to pack kit according to the kit list given and based on what they have learned from their practice expedition (i.e. pack as lightly as possible!). Please note, they should not carry knives (any food should be pre-chopped if necessary).

Students must ensure that they bring enough food for the two-day practice expedition (including breakfast, 2x lunches, dinner and snacks). They should carry at least 2 litres of water with them (this can be replenished throughout the day and at the campsites). It is important that the evening meals are cooked as a group meal and students have already been briefed on what is suitable. They will also need to supply their own small camping gas canisters (screw top) for this (2 needed per group).

The Assessed Expedition is an essential part of achieving the Bronze Award. If for some reason your child cannot attend this course, please let me know the reasons why via email.

Students have been lent; a group Storm Shelter, Trangia (cooking set), a group first aid kit, a compass and tents. It is expected that groups return the kit in July in a fit for purpose and clean condition. It is expected that teams will look after the borrowed equipment and that any broken or lost kit is replaced/paid for.

It is envisaged that students will return on 11th June at approximately 3.30pm at the pick-up location – Tesco Whaley Bridge Car Park, Bridgemont, Whaley Bridge SK23 7PB. Please look out for the Rich Adventure van, most likely parked at the far end of the car park where there is likely to be more parking space. Do keep an eye out on our Twitter page for updates throughout the expedition period.

If you have any queries or questions regarding the DofE Award, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, or you can explore the Award on the official Duke of Edinburgh's Award website <http://www.dofe.org>. During the time we are away, I will have the school mobile (07890319033); please only use this in an emergency.

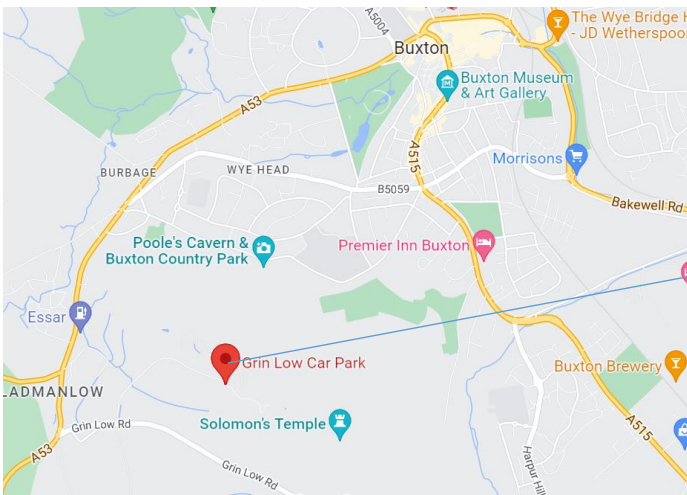
Yours faithfully

Ms K Watson Jones

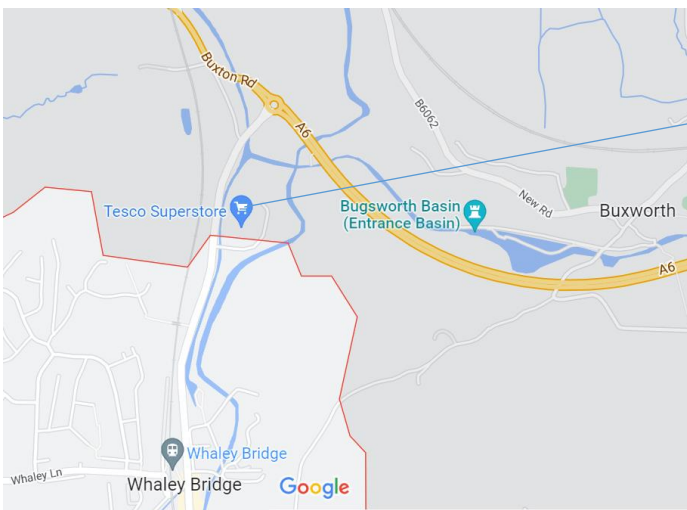
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DROP OFF; Grinlow Car park accessed off Grinlow Road, opposite Buxton Caravan and Motorhome club.
Look out for Ms WJ in the car park (I will be there at 8.30am)



PICK UP; Tesco Car Park, Whaley Bridge. We will aim to be in the back corner of the car park.
Look out for the white Rich Adventure Van.