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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Silver Walking Assessed – Thursday 9th June – Saturday 11th June **Trip/Award Leader: Ms Watson Jones**

I am writing to inform you of the Silver Walking Assessed Expedition details, which will run from Thursday 9th to Saturday 11th June in the Peak District area. 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 Macclesfield Forest, off Clarke Lane, Sutton, Macclesfield SK11 0NS ([link; https://goo.gl/maps/YChG6en1gEvx6zA1A](https://goo.gl/maps/YChG6en1gEvx6zA1A)) at 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.

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. 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 three-day practice expedition (including 2x breakfasts, 3 x lunches, 2 x dinners 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 Silver Award. If for some reason your child cannot attend this course, please let me know the reasons why via letter/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 4pm 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.

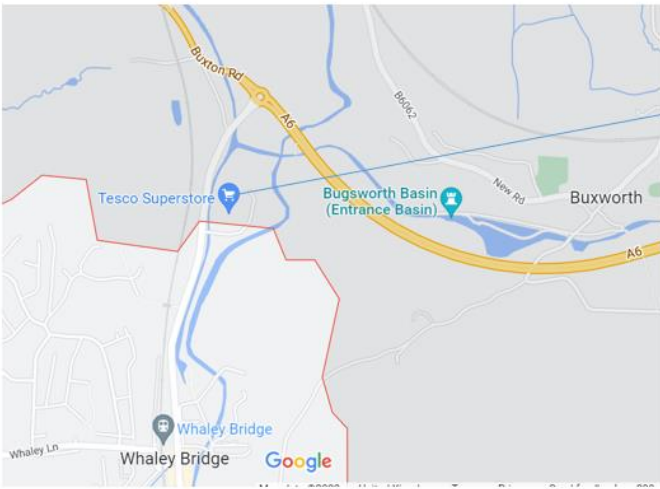
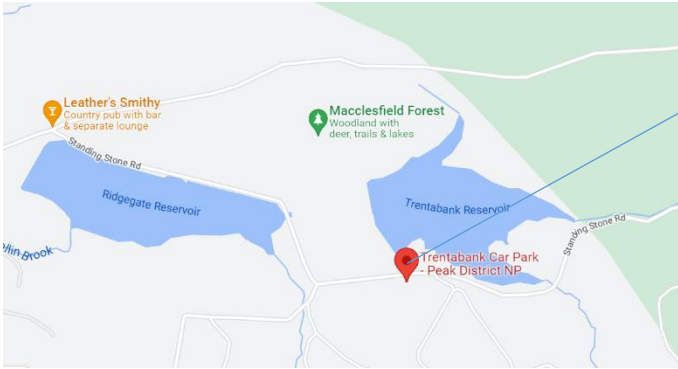
Yours faithfully

Ms K Watson Jones **Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager**

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DROP OFF location; Trentabank Car Park, Macclesfield Forrest. Look out for Ms WJ.
Link;
<https://goo.gl/maps/HaXV5tKuC3mqztoGA>



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.