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17th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Bronze Walking Assessed – Thursday 8th June and Friday 9th June 2023 **Trip/Award Leaders: Ms Watson Jones and Mrs Wright**

Firstly, thank you for your support with the practice expedition last week.

I am writing to inform you of the Bronze Walking Assessed Expedition details, which will run from Thursday 8th to Friday 9th 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.

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 expedition, 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; <https://www.richadventure.co.uk/qegs2023> (the password to enter this landing page is DofE2023). Students should follow the information on the Route Planning e-learning module and select the tab 'Route cards' to fill in their route cards. **This must be completed by Wednesday 31st May.**

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 **MUST** bring a sleeping mat, they should not carry pen knives (any food should be pre-chopped if necessary) and they should **NOT** be wearing sliders around the camp site.

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.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS; Please arrive between 8.30 – 8.45am and register with a QEGS staff member.

Teams 1-7: Castleton visitor centre car park, Cross street, Hope valley S33 8WH

Teams 8-15: Edale car park, Hope Road, S33 7ZQ

PICK UP LOCATIONS;

It is envisaged that students will return on 9th June at approximately 2.30/3pm. Please sign out with a QEGS staff member before leaving.

Teams 1-7: Edale car park, Hope Road, S33 7ZQ

Teams 8-15: Castleton visitor centre car park, Cross street, Hope valley S33 8WH

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 (07890 319033) please only use this in an emergency.

Yours faithfully

Ms K Watson Jones and Mrs Wright
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager

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