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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Silver Walking Assessed – Wednesday 7th June – Friday 9th June **Trip/Award Leader: Ms Watson Jones**

Firstly, I just wanted to say how proud I was of the Silver groups on their practice expedition – so many of the Rich Adventure Leaders were so impressed with our students; see comments made below.....

One of the best teams I've worked with in a while!

Campcraft excellent as was teamwork, menu planning and their team goal is great! Great to work with.

Members of the group performed above and beyond what is normally required of any DofE group.

Well done Silvers!

Secondly, I am writing to inform you of the Silver Walking Assessed Expedition details, which will run from Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th 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.

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.

DROP OFF LOCATION

Students need to arrive at Eyam car park, Hawkhill road Eyam S32 5AD, at 8.45am

(link; <https://goo.gl/maps/2J3rkYRXomjb2hFM9>). 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.

PICK UP LOCATION:

It is envisaged that students will return on 9th June at approximately 3/3.30pm at the pick-up location – Derwent Overlook car park, Hope Valley S33 0AQ (link; <https://goo.gl/maps/3vf5unQNQAsjHFB6A>).

Please note, they will plan their route to and end at a different car park, where they will de-brief and then walk down with their Rich Adventure Leader for collection at Derwent Car Park due to space required for staff and parent parking, as well as poor signal at the finishing car park.

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

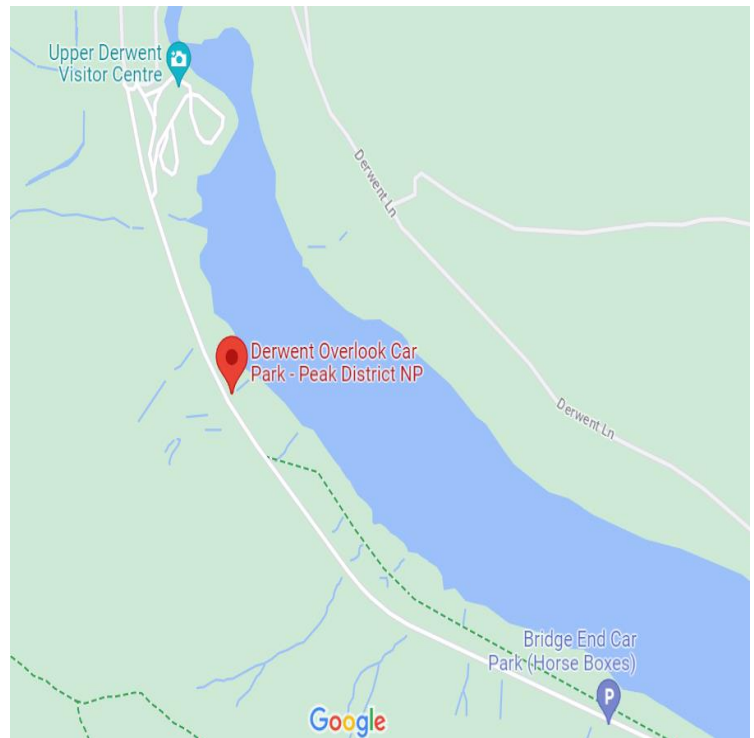
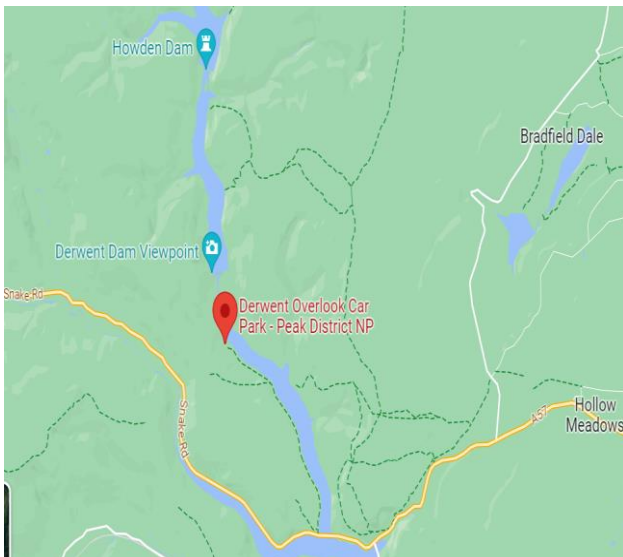
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DROP OFF: Eyam



PICK UP; Derwent Overlook Car Park



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