



9th June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh's Award – 2023 Expedition Kit Return Trip Award Leader – Ms Watson Jones / Mrs Wright

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done and thank you to all of the Bronze and Silver participants for their efforts this year!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all as parents / carers for your support with drop offs / pickups / organising correct equipment etc. Without your support, we could not run the DofE Awards, so a big thank you from myself and Mrs Wright for your cooperation!

What happens next?

1. Please make sure that tents have been aired out completely (even if they may have seemed dry packing them away!). This is to ensure they do not go mouldy between now and next year. Please make sure all bits of dirt / rubbish have been shaken out of the inner. If the tent is very dirty, please put just the inner on a very gentle wash with no laundry powder.
2. Kit needs to be returned. Your child has signed out / taken responsibility for certain parts of equipment, and this now needs to be returned in a clean and working order. All parts of the Trangia should be clean and dry. The tent should be dry, clean and separated into parts ready for checking. Any first aid equipment used, please replenish (i.e. blister pads – please let me know if you are not able to do this).

Please bring equipment to the allocated time slots:

Silver Groups 1 – 5; Thursday 16th June 3.20 – 4pm

Silver Groups 6 – 9; Tuesday 20th June 3.20 -4pm

Bronze Groups 1 – 5; Thursday 22nd June 3.20-4pm

Bronze Groups 6 – 10; Tuesday 27th June 3.20-4pm

Bronze groups 11 – 15; Thursday 29th June 3.20-4pm

During these time slots, your group will be asked to bring your equipment to the Level 2 corridor. Students will be asked to take out all equipment and have it checked back in by myself or other staff members. Please note students should NOT leave equipment by the DofE storeroom, it must be checked in by a member of staff first! If your child cannot attend their groups allocated session, please let me know.

3. Time to finish off Skills /Physical / Volunteering sections and submit on eDofE. Information on how to upload assessor reports can be found here; <https://help.edofe.org/hc/en-gb/articles/360021224973-Different-ways-to-submit-an-Assessor-s-Report>

There will be a presentation evening in September for all those who complete and sign off their Award by the end of this academic year. There will be another presentation evening later in the year for those that need a little longer.

I look forward to seeing many of the students on their next stage of the DofE Award in the future!

As always, if you have any queries or questions regarding the DofE Award or these Expedition opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can also explore the Award on the official Duke of Edinburgh's Award website <http://www.dofe.org>

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms Watson Jones', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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