



28th March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Year 9 Bronze Award Expedition May 9 – 10th

Trip/Award Leader: Mrs Watson Jones

Please find below information about our Practice Expedition from Thursday 9th May to Friday 10th May 2024.

Prior to 8th April 2024, students must have completed their online training element of the Expedition section (<https://www.richadventure.co.uk/qegs24>).

Please could you make sure that you have completed the Parental Consent Form on the landing page;

QEGS Information page 2024 Expeditions

This page has all the links relevant to your DofE expedition section. We're looking forward to running safe, successful expeditions for you. More information will be added to this page as we get closer to the expedition.

[QEGS consent form 2024](#)

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Practice Expedition Locations

All groups

Drop off location: QEGS Boothby Campus Thursday 9th 8.45am

Pick up location: QEGS Boothby Campus Friday 10th 3.30pm (please note, students may be later than this if they get lost! So, if planning on getting buses home, they may need a Plan B in this case)

Expedition Kit

It is imperative that students wear suitable walking boots (not shoes), clothing is suitable for walking in (no jeans or denim) and that waterproof coat and trousers are packed, in case of inclement weather (even if it is forecast to be dry!!). Many outdoor retail places will do a discount for DofE students – the pack that students receive in the post has a discount card.

Students will be lent, as highlighted on the kit list, a group Storm Shelter, Trangier (cooking set), a group first aid kit, related maps and route cards, and tents. ***The groups are responsible for the upkeep and drying out of kit between after each expedition.***

Please ensure the kit is unpacked and dried out after the practice expedition so it is good condition for their qualifying expedition.

It is expected that groups return the kit in a fit-for-purpose and clean condition after the Qualifying expedition; any damage or loss will have to be paid for in addition to the expedition cost. This equipment will be given out to students at our next training afternoon; **Tuesday 17th April.**

Students also need to bring their own food and snacks, as well as fluids and an emergency rations pack, for the full two-day practice expedition. It is important that the evening meal is cooked as a group meal and students have been briefed on what is suitable. They will also need to supply their own small camping gas (Screw top attachment) canisters for this (2 small ones needed per group).

Keeping Informed

During the time we are away, I will have the school mobile 07974867546; please only use this in an emergency. Students should only have 1 phone per group (unless discussed with me prior due to medical conditions) - this is an important part of passing the Assessed Expedition, students have been reminded of this during the training.

Please follow us on Twitter (@QEGS_DofE) and Instagram (qegsdofe) for updates during the expeditions. Any other information regarding pick up etc will be set out via Groupcall if needed.

If you have any further questions or queries regarding the Expedition or the Award itself, please do not hesitate to contact me by email dofestaff@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk . Alternatively, you can explore the Award on the official Duke of Edinburgh's Award website <http://www.dofe.org>

Yours faithfully

Mrs Watson Jones

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