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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Bronze Walking Assessed – Tuesday 4th June – Wednesday 5th June 2024 **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 Tuesday 4th to Wednesday 5th 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 ensure that they have completed 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 Rich Adventure e-learning which we have gone through in our in-person meetings. **This must be completed by the end of the half term.**

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 do also check fitting of boots as we had quite a few students with multiple blisters.

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 towards the end of June 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. A letter will be handed out regarding equipment drop off sessions at the end of the qualifying expedition.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Please arrive between 8.45 – 9am and register with a QEGS staff member.

Teams 1-8: Waterhouses Car Park, Waterhouses, Stoke-on-Trent ST10 3JS

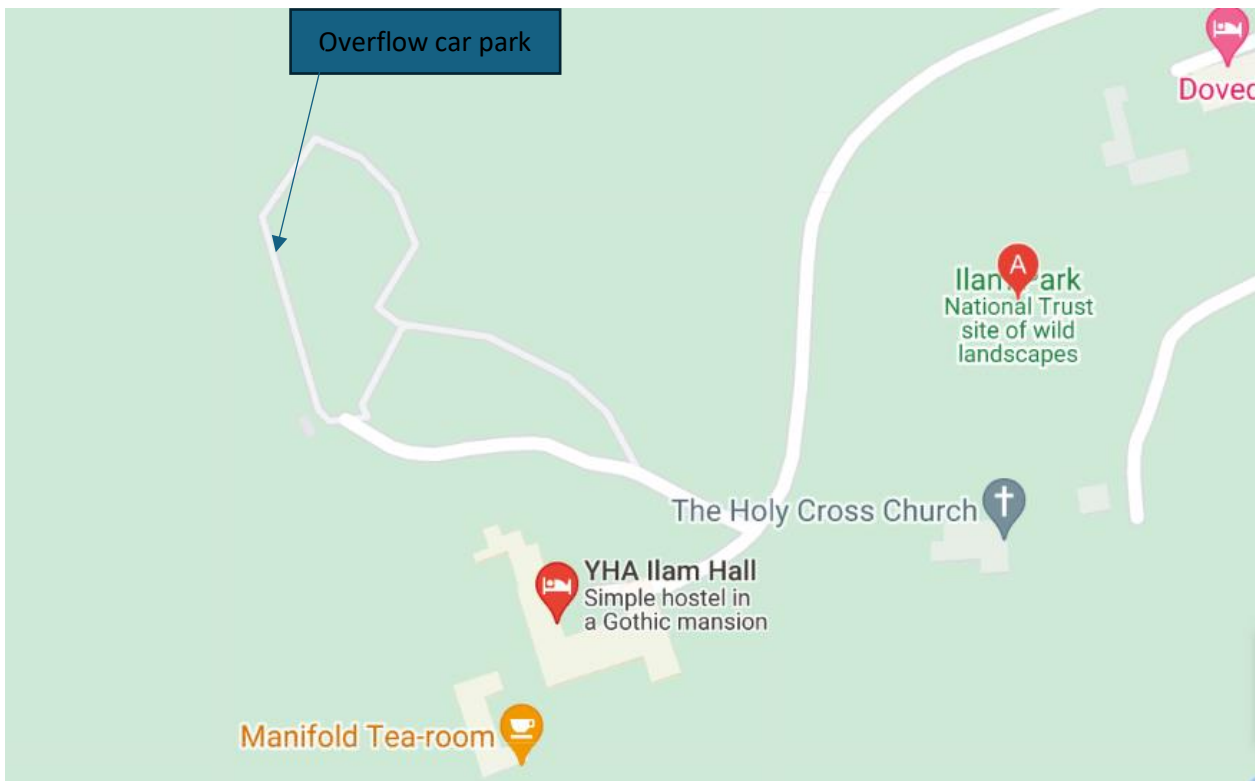
Teams 9-16: Illam Hall Overflow Car Park, Illam Hall, Ilam, Ashbourne DE6 2AZ

PICK UP LOCATIONS

It is envisaged that students will return on 5th June at approximately 3pm. Please ensure students sign out with a QEGS staff member before leaving.

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Do keep an eye out on our Twitter and Instagram pages for updates throughout the expedition period.

If you have any queries or questions regarding the DofE Award, please do not hesitate to contact the DofE staff via 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 (07974867546) please only use this in an emergency.

Yours faithfully

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

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