



15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Silver Walking Assessed – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Trip/Award Leader: Ms Watson Jones and Mrs Wright**

Firstly, we just wanted to say how proud we were of the Silver groups on their Practice Expedition – so many of the Rich Adventure Leaders were so impressed with our students too. Well done Silvers!

Secondly, I am writing to inform you of the Silver Walking Assessed Expedition, which will run from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 do check fitting of walking shoes as we had quite a few students with significant blisters from the Practice Expedition.

Please note, they should also have **completed their route cards** on the Rich Adventure e-learning site.

Students must ensure that they bring enough food for the three-day practice expedition (including 2 x 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.

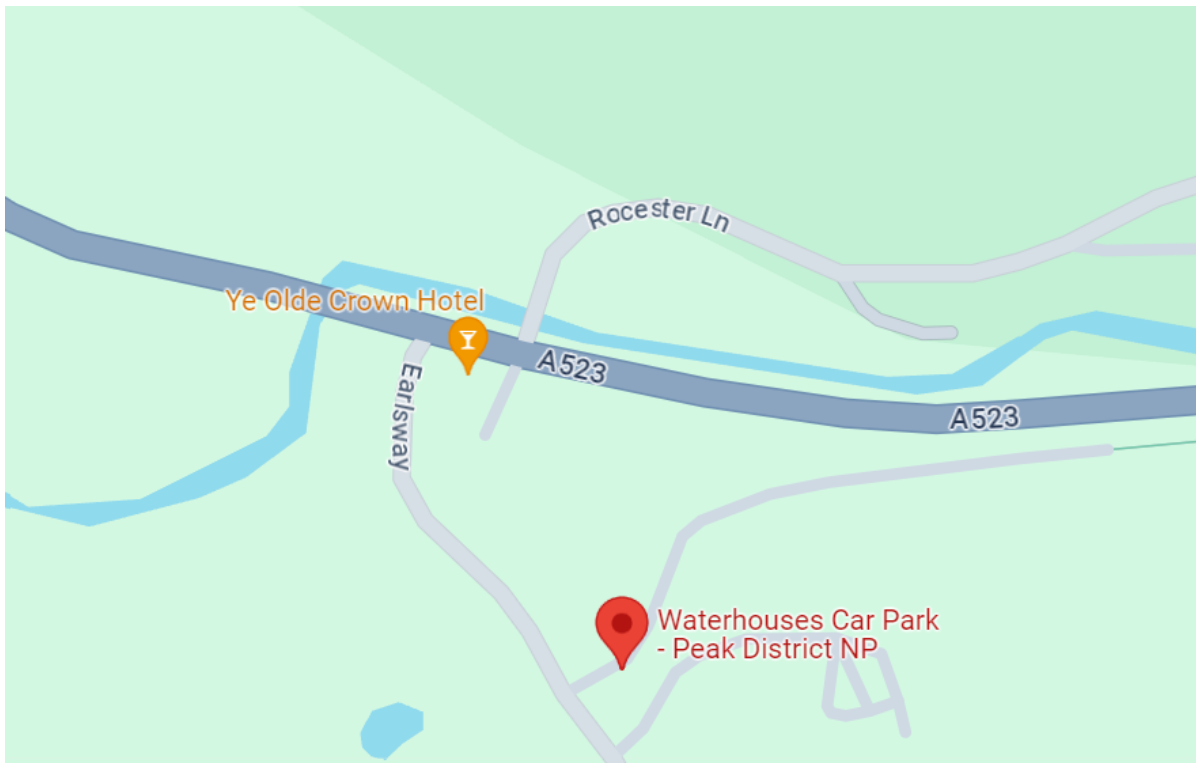
### DROP OFF LOCATION

Waterhouses Car Park, Waterhouses, Stoke-on-Trent ST10 3JS

(Google Maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/xUzJ8k436QCcrwEHA> )

Students need to arrive at 8:45am.

Students will be met here by Mrs Wright and Rich Adventure. They will be following their designated route under remote supervision from a qualified and experienced instructor and a DofE Assessor.

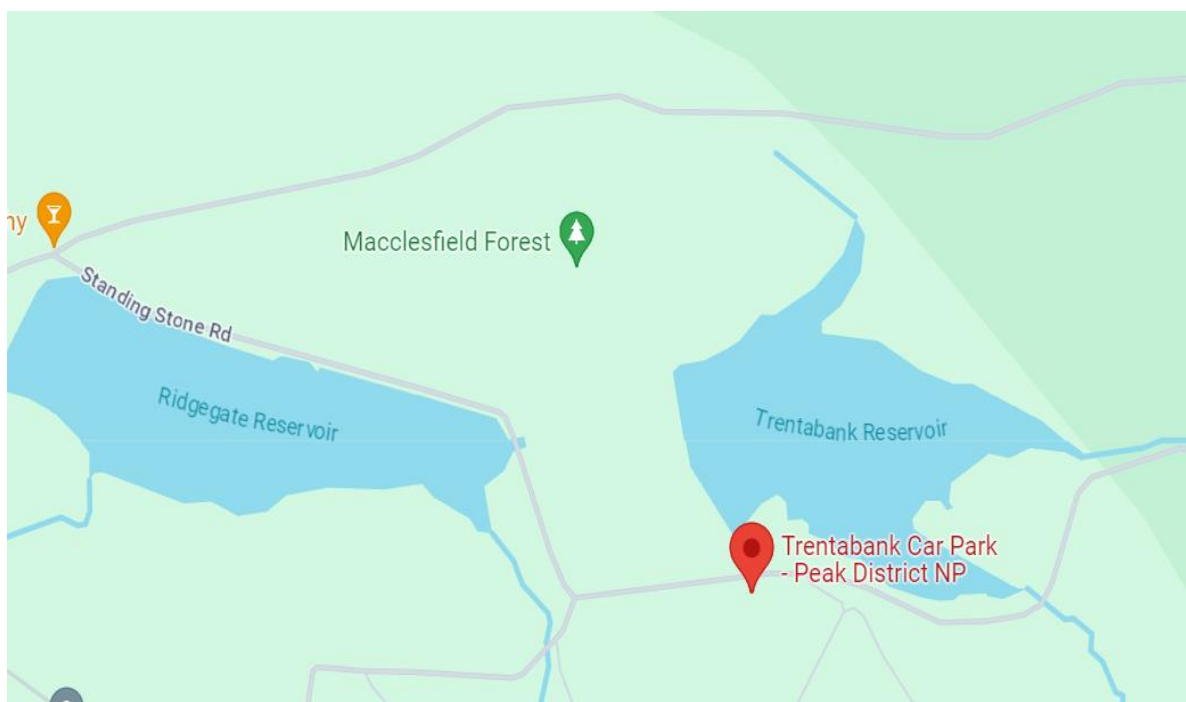


### PICK UP LOCATION

Trentabank Car Park, Clarke Lane, Sutton, Macclesfield SK11 0NS

(Google Maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Q1q9bzRGLtrHPzHBA> )

It is envisaged that students will return on 6<sup>th</sup> June at approximately 3/3.30pm at the pick-up location.



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

Yours faithfully

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**Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager**

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