

Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition Details

Please find attached some important information regarding the Duke of Edinburgh expedition that is taking place in June and July 2016.

Your son/daughter will need to return the permission slip and pink medical forms enclosed ASAP to myself (Mr Blundell – V8)

Training Expedition: Saturday 25th, Sunday 26th and Monday 27th June 2016

On Saturday 25th June we will be starting the Duke of Edinburgh Silver training expedition from Homestead Farm – Upper Hulme, Leek, Staffordshire ST13 8TY (grid ref 008 613).

All students will be camping here overnight for their first night. Groups are to arrive for 16:00hr. Students will be expected to cook a meal whilst at the campsite. The following evening they will be camping at Berresford Lane campsite (grid ref 118 583).

It is expected that we will finish the training expedition at Moneyash on Monday 27th June. We will contact you at least an hour prior to participants finishing so that they can be picked up from Moneyash (DE45 1JH).

Equipment that your son/daughter has from the academy will need to be taken home, cleaned and dried in preparation for the Silver qualifying expedition.

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition: Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July.

On Tuesday 12th July we will be starting the Duke of Edinburgh Expedition from Parwich church Creamery Lane, Parwich, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. DE6 1QD.

The groups will start as follows – please ensure that participants arrive at least 15mins prior to their start time.

Group 1 – 09:00hr

Group 2 – 09:30hr

Group 3 – 10:00hr

Group 4 – 10:30hr

Group 5 – 11:00hr

It is expected that we will finish the Silver expedition at Moneyash on Thursday 14th July. We will attempt to contact you on the day to let you know a realistic time of arrival so that participants can be picked up from the finish.

Equipment that your son/daughter has from the academy will need to be taken home, cleaned and dried. It should then be returned to the academy on Wednesday 20th July. Failure to return any kit will result in a charge for the item.

Behaviour and Expectation

We expect a high standard of behaviour during the training and actual expedition. Any serious breach of the academy code of conduct will result in students being sent home.

Mobile Phones

As part of the assessment criteria set by the Duke of Edinburgh Award Authority, students are not allowed to phone home during the expedition. However we are allowing students to bring their mobile phones. The phones must be submitted to a member of staff at the beginning of the expedition and will be placed in a sealed bag for safe-keeping. If your son/daughter is found using a mobile phone, they will be deferred and be required to re-take the expedition.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the arrangements for the expedition.

Thank you for your support.



Mr S Blundell
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

Reply Slip – FAO Mr Blundell – V8

Transport Home – please indicate.

- I have read the details for the training undertaken for the Duke of Edinburgh Silver expedition.
- I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in both expeditions.
- I will be collecting my son/daughter from the academy on the 27th June and 14th July.
- I will expect my son/daughter to make their own way home (please be aware they will have kit).

Name of student _____ (please print)

Signed _____ (parent/carer)