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12th March 2026

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition

I am writing to share the final arrangements for the practice expedition which is taking place on **Friday 17th and Saturday 18th April 2026**.

Your child will need to be dropped off at the start point at **Baslow, Nether End Car Park, DE45 ISR (what3words tailed.manage.rucksack)** for **8:30am** to start walking at **9.00am**. Please can I encourage students to car share wherever possible. We will be camping at **Barn Farm Campsite in Birchover** on Friday night.

Students will need collecting from **3pm on the Saturday**, from the village green at the front of **The Bulls Head pub in Monyash, DE45 1JH (what3words artist.century.baseballs)**. Some groups may finish **before** this time and if this is the case we will make contact with you to let you know, either through a message on google classroom, on our school Facebook page or by phone. Please could I ask that if you have not, you accepted an invite to your son/daughter's google classroom for Bronze DofE, so you receive any messages that I communicate with them.

Students **should not bring their mobile phones** (they could fail the qualification if they do). They will be provided with a school phone in case of emergencies. Students will also have a GPS tracker per group, so staff on the trip can monitor them remotely. If there are any emergencies over the weekend where you need to contact us, I will have a school phone. The number for this is: **07300 412248**

Your child will be required to bring their **hiking and camping equipment** on the day, as shown on the **kit list** which can be found here

https://www.dofe.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/DofE_Expedition_KitList_January2026.pdf, and **the food they require** for the weekend. We have rucksacks and a small amount of other kit that we can lend. We will provide a Trangia and gas for cooking. Students should speak to me as soon as possible if there are any issues or they need to borrow any kit.

Please encourage your son/daughter to continue to upload their evidence of completion of the three other sections of the award onto eDofE. This is a prerequisite for taking part in the practice expedition.

Please **complete the consent form** that your son/daughter will be sent home with before Easter, and ask them to return this to me as soon as possible. Should you have any queries regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me at r.andrews@newbold.outwood.com.

Yours faithfully,

Rebecca Andrews

Teacher of Geography and Bronze DofE Lead