

20/03/2023

Dear parents and carers,

As you will know, all DofE students are required to do a practice and a qualifying expedition. The practice expedition is on the 20th and 21st of May.

We will meet students at the Bridge Inn car park, Calver at 8am. Students will camp out at Barn Farm Campsite in Birchover. We expect to finish at Monyash Primary School at 4pm on Sunday afternoon. We will get students to update you later on Sunday afternoon. Please make arrangements for transporting your child to the start on the Saturday morning and home on the Sunday afternoon.

For the qualifying expedition, it will be held on the 29th and 30th of June. We will meet at Longnor, heading towards the campsite in Biggin and completing the following day in Dove Dale. More details will be sent out following successful completion of the practice expedition.

The second payment of £50 is due before 17th of April. As previously mentioned, the cost covers our DofE centre licence, individual registration fee, campsite fees, expedition instruction/supervision and essential equipment that we provide to all students (tents, stoves etc).

We welcome your support in ensuring that your son/daughter attends all meetings and is logging their evidence on eDofE. We understand that people are busy, but Thursday afternoon meetings are essential, as students need to prove that they can produce a route card for their qualifying expedition without any input from DofE leaders. A reminder: students need to complete TWO award sections in order to take part in the qualifying expedition.

Please complete and return the attached 'Parental consent for visit form' that will be used for both expeditions. Once this is returned, you must notify us of any further changes in relation to medical or contact details prior to the expeditions. Please also let me know if you need further clarification of any details relating to the trip.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Lye

**Duke of Edinburgh Manager**

