

Silver DofE Practice Expedition

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, all students are required to complete a practice and qualifying expedition as part of the Silver Duke of Edinburgh award. The practice expedition will take place on 25th to the 27th April.

The practice expedition will start at Bakewell Bridge car park, Coombes Road, Bakewell on 25th April and finish at the Monsal Head Hotel, Monsal Trail, Bakewell, DE45 1NL on 27th April.

Students should arrive at their start location no later than 8am. Students will be making their way from Bakewell to Mandale Farm Campsite near Lathkill Dale on day one before heading to Burrs Farm, Chelemorton to camp on their second day. We expect to finish at the Monsal Head Hotel, at approximately 4pm, on Sunday 28th. Please be aware that 4pm is an estimated time and the actual completion time greatly depends upon the speed of individual groups. Please make suitable arrangements for transporting your son/daughter to and from their start and end locations.

The qualifying expedition will take place on Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, and Wednesday 9th. More details of the qualifying expedition will follow after students have successfully completed their practice expedition.

The second payment of £50 is due and 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 Thursday meetings and are logging their evidence on their eDofE account. It is essential that students attend all meetings in order to gain the necessary skills to meet the criteria set out by the Duke of Edinburgh award. In order to take part in the qualifying expedition, students must have completed TWO of their award sections (skill, physical and/or voluntary) by 20th June.

Please complete and return the attached 'Parental consent for visit form' that will be used for both expeditions. Once this is returned, please 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 Duke of Edinburgh award.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Lye

Duke of Edinburgh Manager