



18<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Year 9 & 10 Duke of Edinburgh bronze expedition**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May is the local final expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. Due to ongoing restrictions following the COVID 19 pandemic our expeditions this year will be different to those run in previous years. This expedition will consist of two individual day walks, which start and finish at school. Students will go home at the end of each day to sleep rather than camping out. Details of the trip are:

#### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

- Students arrive in school at 11.00am at the end of brunch and go to the canteen to be registered
- Pupils walk in groups and navigate a route of approximately 16km (map and compass provided)
- Pupils will be checked at regular points throughout the course of the walk to ensure they are on track and some groups will walk with a member of staff
- Arrive back at school where students will put up a tent and cook an evening meal to demonstrate camp craft (to be finished by approximately 6pm)
- Once tents and cooking equipment is clean and put away, students go home to sleep

#### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

- Students arrive in school between 8.15 and 8.30am to be registered
- Pupils walk in groups and navigate a route of approximately 16km (map and compass provided)
- Pupils will be checked at regular points throughout the course of the walk to ensure they are on track and some groups will walk with a member of staff
- Arrive back at school at approximately 4pm where students will be collected by parents/carers

Please ensure that your son/daughter comes to school on Thursday with the following:

- Comfortable clothing to walk in (not jeans as these become very uncomfortable if wet)
- Sensible shoes/walking boots – they will be walking for 2 days on uneven ground so need to be in something appropriate
- A waterproof jacket (and trousers if you have them) as the weather may be bad
- Food for the two days and something simple to cook at the end of the first day such as pasta and sauce
- Water bottle (refills of water will be provided throughout the two days)
- A rucksack big enough to hold their provisions and clothing etc. for one day (a day rucksack such as a school bag will suffice)

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The school will provide the following equipment for students to borrow and this will be distributed at the start of each day:

- Tent (to be put up at school to demonstrate camp craft)
- Map and map case
- Compass
- Cooking stove and fuel

This is the first expedition we have been able to run since 2019 due to COVID. Although the format of the trip is very different, it promises to be an excellent two days where pupils will get to work as a team and independently to complete the two day route, demonstrate camp craft and cook for themselves.

Please note that the trip finishes at school on both days, where students need to be picked up by parents/carers. We will endeavour to keep the school up to date with accurate timings; however the finish time for each day is dependent upon how fast the groups walk and their navigation skills!

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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