

Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching our expeditions for participants of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. I am attaching to this letter the details again for the practice and qualifying expeditions. Students must attend both of these in order to pass this section of the award. Please note that students are required to make their own way to the start points of each expedition and I would recommend car shares where possible to reduce cars in car parks and they will need to be picked up at the finish point on the Sunday. Students should know their group numbers but these were messaged via epraise if they need to be reminded.

On the training day the participants received information on their kit and should have brought home a kit list, this is also on the website. At school we have a limited number of rucksacks, sleeping mats, waterproof coats and trousers that can be loaned out. If you wish to borrow any of these items, please indicate on the linked form at the end of this letter. These will be available to collect after school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May and will need to be returned after the qualifying expedition. Group equipment; tents, Trangias, gas, maps and compasses are provided by H5. It is vital that participants have a pair of walking boots, waterproofs, a sun hat and some sun cream.

Participants will have planned their meals for the weekend and will need to bring sufficient food for the expedition, which will include a hot meal they will cook on the Saturday evening. They should ensure they have eaten breakfast at home on the Saturday and have enough food for lunch and dinner Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday and snacks.

The mobile phone policy over the weekend is that they may bring their phones, each group will then have these phones switched off and placed into a sealed dry bag. They will be asked to keep these in this bag for the duration of the expedition and only take a phone out in an emergency. Towards the end of their walk on Sunday they can then access their phones to contact you to confirm pick up times. If you need to get a message to your child over the weekends or need to contact me you can do so on 07879121180.

If you are yet to pay the full amount for the Bronze award, the final payment day has passed so can I ask you do so as soon as possible.

Ideally these expeditions should be the final part of your child's Bronze Award. I have really enjoyed seeing what participants have been doing for their skill, volunteering and physical sections as they have added information to their edofe accounts. A number of students have now completed these sections and had assessor forms completed by the adult assessing them. If your child has not yet done this, please encourage them to do so as soon as they complete a section. This can be done using the booklet that came in their welcome pack. Those students who would like to go on to their silver award in year 10 will need to have their bronze finished by September to progress to the next award.

Kind Regards

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[Kit request form](#)