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Dear Parents & Carers

After a successful practice expedition, the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award qualifying expedition is taking place from Friday 6th June until Sunday 8th June, in the Quantocks AONB. We will be leaving school at 8.00 am on the Friday and returning at approximately 6.00 pm on the Sunday.

The aim of the trip is to pass the expedition section of the Silver award. Participants will be assessed by myself and a volunteer and former staff member Nick Cooke over the three days determining if they are meeting the 20 conditions of the expedition. Additionally, three other staff members will be supervising the groups remotely. This involves discreet checks on the groups progress throughout the walk and at the campsite. Staff will be staying at the same campsites as participants.

Our campsites will be Moorhouse Campsite, Holford and Quantock Camping, Lower Toolands, West Bagborough on Friday and Saturday night respectively.

In order to meet the self-sufficient conditions of the expedition students put their mobile phones in a sealed dry bag, which one student will carry. This should remain sealed unless they need to access a phone in an emergency. If there are any issues during the weekend, I can be contacted on 07879121180.

The cost of the trip is £61.60 per student. This includes campsite fees and transport to Somerset. The preferred method of payment for this trip is online via ParentPay.

If any of the emergency contact or medical details has changed since the last expedition please contact me via email

I would like to encourage students to get up to date with their edofe accounts. They can log in at [www.edofe.org](http://www.edofe.org) and update the activities they are doing for their other three sections and get their assessor reports uploaded. It would be great to finish the awards before the end of the summer. We will be hosting a presentation evening again in January for students who have completed their awards. If students wish to do their Gold award, although we don't do the expeditions until year 12 and 13 they can sign up for the award as soon as they turn 16.

I am looking forward to an enjoyable weekend; in the meantime if you have any questions please contact me.

Kind Regards

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