



Sir Frederic Osborn School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: DofE Bronze Practice and Assessed Expedition

We are writing to you with details of the practice and assessed expedition which we are hoping to run next term.

Practice Expedition – 26th/27th May

We are looking to keep the practice expedition local, so we will be staying at Balls Wood Camp Site, Mangrove Road, Hertford, SG13 8AJ. We will be camping overnight and then students will be walking their navigated route on Saturday 27th May from the campsite back to Sir Frederic Osborn School. Students will need to be dropped off by parents at the Camp Site in Hertford on Friday 26th May at 5.30pm and picked up from school on their return. We anticipate that students will be back at school by 4pm on Saturday.

The cost of the expedition will be £25, which has already been covered when the students first joined the scheme. These funds will cover the cost of the pitches at the campsite, insurance plus the hiring of key equipment (tents, camping stoves, navigation equipment and ruck sacks if required).

Assessed Expedition – July 2017

We are hoping to run this alongside a Geography field trip. We are looking to stay in the Breacon Beacons. The trip will run during the final week of term from 18th July to 20th July. The students will again spend a night in the activity centre, complete a circular route back to the centre and then camp overnight. We will expect to return to school by 6pm on the 20th July.

We estimate the cost of the expedition will be £40, this will be confirmed at a later date. This will cover the cost of the centre, transport to and from the campsite, insurance plus the hiring of key equipment (tents, camping stoves, navigation equipment and ruck sacks if required).

We can also arrange to hire other items such as boots, sleeping bags if required and will provide students with further details.

We have been extremely impressed with the commitment and the progress the students are making towards the completion of their award. We are very grateful for your continued support.

We will contact you again ahead of the expeditions with final details, copies of kit lists and any other information about the expedition. If you would like your son/daughter to attend, please complete and return the attached reply slip to the school reception by **Tuesday 9th May 2017**.

Yours sincerely

C Neilson
Ms C Neilson
DofE Co-ordinator

To: Reception

DofE Practice/Assessed Expeditions

I confirm that _____ (student's name) will be attending the Duke of Edinburgh Expedition trip:

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| a) Bronze Practice Expedition on 26 th /27 th May | Yes/ No |
| b) Bronze Assessed Expedition on 18/20 th July | Yes/ No |

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