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7th December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award 2018-19

We are very pleased that your son/daughter has decided to continue with the award at Gold level. We will arrange training for the practice and qualifying expeditions as we did at Bronze and Silver level, but participants are expected to continue to make their own arrangements for the other four sections. There is an additional requirement at Gold - a week's residential course – more details may be found on the award website www.dofe.org

This letter is to give you information concerning the practice expedition at Easter 2019, from Thursday 4th April to Wednesday 10th April.

Training Day

This will take place at school on Sunday 3rd February. All participants will be expected to attend. The students will plan their routes and take part in appropriate training activities.

Kit Check

There will be a mandatory kit check for all participants at school on Wednesday 3rd April, at 3.45pm in South Block. Students may leave their rucksacks in the DofE cupboard overnight to save taking them home again afterwards.

Expedition Address

Dulwich College Field Centre, Heol Callwen, Glyntawe, Penycae, Wales SA9 1GR

Cost

The cost will be £220*. This covers insurance, maps and cost of transport, accommodation and food while not on expedition. Participants will be responsible for the food and camp fees while on expedition.

**Some students have yet to pay the registration fee for the Gold Award. If your son/daughter has not yet registered there is a charge of £30 to add to the initial cost.*

Please access the online system to give your consent and to pay £220 for the expedition. If you also need to pay the £30 registration fee this can be found in 'Fees and Subs' cost centre. We no longer accept cash or cheques. In exceptional circumstances payment may be made over the phone by card.

Itinerary for Practice Expedition

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| Thursday 4 th April | Travel (leaving HHS at 9am) / Hill training Packed lunch required, dinner will be provided. |
| Friday 5 th April | Hill training and compass work Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided. |
| Saturday 6 th April | Gold Expedition starts. Breakfast will be provided; participants bring own lunch and dinner for Expedition. |
| Sunday 7 th April | Expedition Day 2. Participants bring own breakfast, lunch and dinner for Expedition. |
| Monday 8 th April | Expedition Day 3. Participants bring own breakfast, lunch and dinner for Expedition. |
| Tuesday 9 th April | Expedition Day 4. Participants bring own breakfast and lunch for Expedition; dinner will be provided. |
| Wednesday 10 th April | Travel home (estimated arrival time early afternoon). Breakfast will be provided. |

Transport

School minibus

Medical Details

Your son/daughter will have already completed their emergency/medical details forms earlier in the year. If there has been any change in the contact numbers or the medical information please inform me in writing as a matter of urgency. Thank you.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Sutton

Award Unit Leader