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**Letter 133**

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions and Training 2019**

I am writing to confirm the dates of this year's Bronze expeditions. Due to the numbers of students we have to split the expeditions across two weekends. The students have already been notified which weekend they are involved in for the Practice expeditions.

- Practice Expeditions: 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> May
- Qualifying Expeditions: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June and 30<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July

Both the Practice and Qualifying expeditions are two day events, involving one night under canvas. The Practice expeditions run from 9am Friday morning to approximately 5pm Saturday afternoon. The Qualifying expeditions run from 9am Sunday morning to approximately 5pm Monday afternoon.

The cost is £31 and covers campsite fees, transport costs, insurance and maps for both the practice and qualifying expeditions. You will already have filled in a standard consent form earlier in the year on which you gave medical details and contact numbers. If there have been any changes please inform me as soon as possible.

You are also invited to an information evening on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**, in the Sixth Form study room at 6pm – I anticipate this will last for approximately 60 minutes. There will be the opportunity to discover just what the students will face on their expeditions. A small number of second hand walking boots will be available to purchase if required at a nominal price. Students do **not** need to attend this meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the keenness and enthusiasm shown so far by your sons and daughters for the award scheme – they are all looking forward to the challenge of the expeditions. You will be aware of the fact there are three other sections of the award – the volunteering, physical and skill section, and in their letters of application they all wrote in detail about what they intended to do. All of this has to be entered electronically via the **edofe.org** website and many of your children have done this already. I am currently chivvying a small number of last year's participants who have yet to complete their records and would ask you please to check with your child that they have accessed the website and updated their details. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

**Mr D Sutton**  
Duke of Edinburgh Award Unit Leader