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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD 2026 EXPEDITIONS

As you are aware your son/daughter is taking part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme. As part of this award, they will need to complete a 2-day expedition.

We would like to invite you to a Parents meeting **on Thursday 11th June at 3.30pm via Teams**, <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/331691661618047?p=ZcBwApmHgAWNuykPOz>. For those parents who will be unable to attend the meeting this will be recorded and we can send you the link.

This meeting will be an overview of what is involved. We will also be sending home medical forms for your completion.

The Duke of Edinburgh expedition involves walking and camping in groups over 2 days. The assessed expedition will take place from **Thursday 2nd July 2026 at 9am – Friday 3rd July 2026 at 13:30**. (Transport to and from college can be arranged as normal and college will provide all transport throughout the expedition.)

Day 1 – Stamner park to Southdowns Way Caravan & camping Site
Day 2 – Southdowns Way Caravan & camping site to Woodlands Meed College

Throughout the walks and overnight camp the participants will be under direct and close supervision from the qualified leaders and college staff. We will take every opportunity to encourage the pupils to experience the independence an expedition of this type.

With some DofE funding, we have been fortunate enough to be able to purchase all the technical equipment we will need e.g. rucksacks, tents, Trangias (cooking stoves), roll mats, sleeping bags and walking boots. Please find attached the required kit list, let us know if you're having any difficulty providing anything on the list. Please also note that if the participants do not have the items within the boxed area, they will not be able to join the expedition, as these are a safety requirement.

All food will be provided for the trip. However, each participant will need to bring a packed lunch with them on the first day (plastic water bottle – **not** fizzy drinks) – also remember to have a good breakfast.

If your child wants to bring their own food or snacks then this is fine but be mindful that there will be no re-heating facilities or refrigeration.

In order for your child to attend the overnight expedition please log on to your Scopay account to give consent and ensure you have the completed the medical forms to enable your child to take part in this challenging but rewarding experience safely.

Please note that by giving consent to the above expedition this does not ensure that the participant's Bronze expedition is achieved and is reliant on them following our code of conduct and achieving the 'DofE expedition Aims and Objectives' agreed by their assessor.

Please log on to your Scopay account to give consent for your child to take part in the expedition with the overnight stay.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Wilmot & Emma Harvey
Trip Leader (s)



Bronze DofE Kit List



Thurs 2nd July - Fri 3rd July 2026

Name _____

Personal Kit needs to be in College by **WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE** in a small rucksack

<input type="checkbox"/>	Socks (2 pairs of walking socks if possible)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun hat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trousers (no heavy cotton or denim jeans)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunglasses (optional)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Underwear and spares	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun cream
<input type="checkbox"/>	Base top layer (quick dry sports top, no cotton)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Warm hat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Top layer (i.e fleece, no hoodies)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Warm gloves
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wash kit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Snacks for the 2 days of expedition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small towel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water bottles (2 x 1ltr capacity)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Head torch	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mobile phone *see info below
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Sit mat (optional)

A mobile phone policy has been discussed and agreed with the young people and leaders for the expedition. If the young people wish to bring their phones for camera and filming purposes they may do so but the sim card **must be removed**. The sim can either be left at home or kept with leaders for the duration of the trip. It is the responsibility of the pupil to look after any electrical items. In the event of an emergency, leaders will follow the College's policy and parents can use the emergency contact details provided.

Kit provided by Woodlands Meed on the day

- Walking Boots
- Water/ Windproof Jacket
- Water/ Windproof Trousers
- Rucksack
- Rucksack rain cover
- Tent
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping mat
- Stove
- Fuel
- Emergency Shelter
- Matches
- Washing up items
- Rubbish bags
- Team 1st aid kit
- Eating bowl
- Knife, Fork & Spoon
- Mug

Items in boxed area are minimum requirements and **must** be checked by the Supervisor/Assessor on the day the team begins their expedition.

