

Dear Pupil

Please find below the drafted list of training sessions for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award this year. These will run on a Tuesday evening after school, from 3.15pm for approximately one hour. Pupils are expected to attend all training sessions in order to meet the requirements for the Award. Any sessions that you cannot attend, please let Mr Smith know in advance with a valid reason, and you will be expected to catch up this training as soon as possible. 2 sessions of missed training without a valid reason will cause your place to be forfeited at the school's discretion, and you will not receive your payment back.

Although training sessions are slightly more informal than normal lessons, excellent behaviour inside and outside school will still be expected, and usual school rules and sanctions will apply. Some sessions may require extra clothing/equipment.

Sessions may be subject to change due to school calendar events or adverse weather as some sessions are outdoors!

Any questions, please e-mail or speak to me in the first instance:

Mr T. Smith  
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The following sessions are all from 3.15pm to 4.15pm

1. Tue 14<sup>th</sup> January – Expedition First Aid and Safety
2. Tue 21<sup>st</sup> January – Map Skills
3. Tue 28<sup>th</sup> January – How to use a compass and route planning
4. Tue 4<sup>th</sup> February – Route Planning 1
5. Tue 11<sup>th</sup> February – Orienteering (please bring trainers or change of clothes)
6. HALF TERM
7. Tue 25<sup>th</sup> February - Route Planning 2
8. Tue 4<sup>th</sup> March – Pitching a tent (please bring trainers or change of clothes)
9. Tue 11<sup>th</sup> March – Safe use of camping stoves
10. Tue 18<sup>th</sup> March – Countryside Code and Ready for Expedition!

A reminder of the dates that you will attend your expeditions (must be available on both weekends)

**Practice Expedition:**

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> – Sun 11<sup>th</sup> May

**Qualifying Expedition**

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> – Sun 15<sup>th</sup> June