

27 April 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD EXPEDITION – 17-19 JULY**

We are pleased to confirm that we are able to do the main expedition element of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award with the current Year 11 group. The expedition is planned to start on Sunday, 17 July and finish on Tuesday, 19 July. We have moved to the later date as several of the pupils have now organised trips and holidays.

The pupils will be asked to return to school prior to the expedition to finalise and organise their equipment and packing list. We have already been through the loaning of tents, sleeping bags and ruck-sacs; the school has plenty of equipment so please do not buy anything new other than their waterproofs and walking boots (although we have been able to lend out several pairs to members of the group). We have asked the pupils to ensure that they have strong walking boots which they have previously broken-in prior to the walks - so plenty of short walks wearing them in the meantime!

The pupils should be at Prioory for 8.00am on the Sunday. The group will be transported by minibus to the start of their walk and collected from a meeting point. Throughout the walks the pupils will have their packed ruck-sac as well as their packed lunch and refreshments. The pupils will have route maps and compasses as well as a detailed route plan. They are allowed phones which can only be used to contact ourselves should they be lost or have an emergency. We will already be on the route checking their progress.

The pupils will then be transported to the camp site at Dale Hey Farm near Ribchester. The group will be camping for two nights and they will be having a barbeque on the second night as a reward for their hard work. The pupils will need to cater for themselves for the Sunday and Monday expeditions including cooking for themselves for Sunday evening, Monday breakfast and Monday lunch. The rest of their food will be provided by school. The group will be taught how to cook using Trangias and bottled gas. We will give the pupils a couple of dates for them to come into school after the exams so that they can confidently prepare for cooking, route planning and tents! We also have the use of a large barn for the two nights, a very useful resource should there be poor weather.

Pupils should be collected from the school's main building at 11.30am on Tuesday, 19 July after we have organised the return of borrowed equipment.

The cost of the DofE registration is £23.50 per pupil. We have been able to keep prices down for the camping and food to £20 per person. The pupils have said they would also like a DofE hoody which costs £18, bringing this to a total of £62, including insurance. Payment should be made via your online SCOPay account by 1 July. Payment can be made in full or as two separate payments of £31. Please could the attached consent forms and reply slip be completed and returned to me as soon as possible.



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When the date of the expedition approaches, we ask that pupils who are feeling unwell or showing Covid symptoms 48 hours prior, have taken two negative LFD tests.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully



**Mr A Watters**  
**Lead Teacher for Geography**  
**School Trip Organiser**

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**REPLY SLIP – DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD EXPEDITION** (Please return to Mr Watters)

Name of Pupil: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my son/daughter to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award expedition taking place from Sunday, 17 July to Tuesday, 19 July 2022.

I confirm that payment of £62 will be made before 1 July 2022 (two separate payments of £31 is acceptable).

Please outline any medical information for your son/daughter, including allergies to food/any reactions to stings / hay fever / asthma or any other medical information/medication your child uses.

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My child will test twice for Covid if they are feeling unwell or showing symptoms 48 hours prior to the expedition.

Parent Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian) Date: \_\_\_\_\_