



20 April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

CANCELLATION of Year 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Training – Friday 21 and Saturday 22 April 2023

Sadly, we have had to make the hard decision **not** to run the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh training this weekend. I apologise for not emailing earlier but I have been trying to resolve the issues we have and find a way forward. Unfortunately, a number of our DofE volunteer staff are away with sickness and therefore they will not be available to support the year 10 students this weekend.

We have rescheduled the expedition weekend to Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 June and are hoping to put in place a couple of Friday evening walking training sessions, so that we can get all of our young people prepared for their expedition. They will need to attend the training with their kit in their rucksack to give them the experience of doing a DofE walk carrying their kit. They will also need to bring along food to practice cooking a meal within their groups. I will be in touch in the next few days with dates for the Friday evening training.

A couple of parents have been in touch asking about arrangements for food and tents. Our young people have been assigned to a group for the expedition. The Duke of Edinburgh award is designed so that new skills are developed and it is the responsibility of the group to work together to organise as much of their expedition themselves as possible. They will also need to agree who is supplying and carrying the group equipment. For your information the school supplies Trangias, gas, maps and compasses; everything else needs to be sorted out within the group. All students have been supplied a kit list.

Before the final expedition there will be a session planning the food. Each young person will need to bring a packed lunch for both days. However, as a group, they need to decide what to make for their evening meal (including pudding!) and plan a good breakfast for the following day. The meal plan will need to involve an element of cooking and during our meetings we have made lots of recipe suggestions. **Food allergies will also need to be taken into consideration.**

I attach a copy of the kit list to this email for ease of reference.

I hope to be in touch again in the next few days.

Yours sincerely

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