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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions

The dates when the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions will take place are as follows:

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th May 2017 (practice expedition) Saturday 8th – Sunday 9th July 2017 (qualifying expedition)

Your child must participate in **both** weekends as well as **all** of the training sessions to complete this section of the award.

In preparation for the practice expedition, we will carry out an equipment check after school on **Friday 5th May**. Students will be able to leave their equipment in the school stores - if they have everything required. A similar process will be carried out before the qualifying expedition.

The expeditions themselves will require students to be at the school car park at 8.30am on the Saturday (if they are collecting equipment from the school stores we suggest they arrive 10 minutes earlier). They will be transported to the start of their expedition by school minibuses and camp overnight at Wickstreet Farm, near Arlington, East Sussex. We will be returning to the school at approximately 5pm on the Sunday although this time may vary. Please note that apart from the Saturday on the practice expedition, students will be walking in their groups without a member of staff. We will be checking their progress through the use of checkpoints.

There is a small charge of £29 to cover expenses for both weekends and the training. Please return the attached consent form, a completed medical form together with a cheque for £29 payable to 'Sackville School' by **Friday 5th May 2017**. If the cost is not paid in advance of the practice expedition weekend, we are afraid that your child will not be able to take part. However, if you have any queries about payment, or the deadline, then do please contact us on the email below.

Students must also look closely at the equipment list provided and ensure they have everything they need for these weekends. Failure to have the correct equipment could result in your child not being allowed to participate.

Please contact us if you need any extra advice.

Yours sincerely

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