



16 September 2025

Dear Families

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Update and Reminder

Welcome to the Duke of Edinburgh Award, the DoE training days and expedition are due to start next month (see key dates below).

Student log in details have all been sent out. Please can you contact Mr Parry directly if you have any problem at all with logging in.

Please can you check your MCAS App and make sure all instalments have been made in full. Please do not hesitate to contact finance should you require any further support on this.

Please see important key dates:

Year 11 – Training Expedition – **Thursday 2 October 2025**

Year 10 – Training Expedition – **Friday 3 October 2025**

Year 11 – Qualifying Expedition – **Saturday 4 October and Sunday 5 October 2025**

Year 10 – Qualifying Expedition – **Saturday 11 October and Sunday 12 October 2025**

Training Days

During training days at Sackville, students will be off-timetable for a full day of preparation for their qualifying expedition. This training will cover everything they need to know for their expedition. Please ensure students wear comfortable clothing and are prepared for wet weather, as a significant portion of the day will be spent outdoors.

Expedition

For the upcoming expedition near Brighton, please note the following arrangements:

- Drop-off: Please drop off students on Saturday morning at 10.00am at Waterhall Playing fields, Waterhall road, Brighton, BN5 9XJ
- Pick-up: Will be on Sunday afternoon at 2.30pm from National Trust Devils Dyke, Devils Dyke Road, Brighton, BN1 8YJ. Students will be camping overnight at Hillside Scout Campsite. If you anticipate any problems with transportation, please contact us as soon as possible.

Preparation for Expedition

Here are some helpful links with expedition resources available to support you and your child during the preparation and undertaking of the expedition section. Please click on the links for further information.

[Expedition Resource Downloads](#)

[Kit Guide](#)

[Expedition Kit List](#)



Please remember Trek Co our external provider will be supplying tents and cooking equipment. Students do not need to go and buy these.

We will be having follow up meetings with DoE student's week commencing 15th September. Please remind your child to check there email for information on this.

If there is anything else we can help with please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Parry
Duke of Edinburgh Lead