



30 September 2025

Dear Families

Duke of Edinburgh Year 11 Qualifying Expedition: Saturday 4 October 2025 and Sunday 5 October 2025

We've had a wonderful start to the term, and we're looking forward to a fantastic Qualifying Expedition for the students this weekend! Thank you for your patience as we finalized the logistics to ensure this is an unforgettable and successful event.

Training Day (Compulsory):

- **When:** Thursday 2 October 2025 - 9.00 am – 2.55 pm
- **Where:** School site and Eastcote Woods
- **Focus:** Meal planning, rucksack packing, and navigation/map skills. All participating students **must** attend.
- **What to Bring/Wear:** Comfortable clothing non uniform & rucksack with Equipment.

Expedition Details (South Downs, North of Brighton)

We are running the expedition with the fully qualified external provider, Trekco, whom we successfully used in July. They will supply group equipment such as tents and stoves. Students will walk a planned, tracked route in groups of up to eight, with support for safety, cooking, and tent pitching.

The group will be accompanied by Mr Parry, Mr Francis, and Mr Cottam, alongside additional staff supervising through the night, all working with qualified Trekco leaders.

Key Logistics:

Dates	Saturday 4 October 2025 and Sunday 5 October 2025
Drop Off time	9.30am - (Saturday 4 October 2025)
Drop off location	Waterhall Playing Fields, Waterhall Road, Brighton. BN1 8YR
Camp site	Hillside Scout Campsite, Henfield Road, Small Dole, Henfield, BN5 9XJ
Pick up time	2.30pm - (Sunday 5 October 2025)
Pick up location	National Trust, devils Dyke, Devils Dyke Road, Brighton, BGN1 8YJ

Student Requirements and Kit

Please ensure your child packs all necessary personal equipment, including a sleeping bag, walking boots, suitable clothing (especially waterproofs), and a water bottle. Please check the full kit list for all essential items.

Students must also bring four meals

- Lunch for Saturday
- Dinner for Saturday
- Breakfast for Sunday
- Lunch for Sunday
- Appropriate snacks

Peanuts or peanut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school visit.

Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our [website](#).

We greatly appreciate your support and patience and look forward to the students having a wonderful and enriching experience.

Yours sincerely

Mr Andy Parry
PE Teacher and Duke of Edinburgh Lead