



5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## **Y10 SILVER - TRAINING & QUALIFYING PARENTAL LETTER**

Dear Parent / Guardian

Your child is working towards achieving their Duke of Edinburgh's Award and as such has indicated they will attend **Silver Expeditions on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April (training) and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June– Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June (qualifying)**.

These expeditions will take place in the **Peak District and Llangollen area** respectively. Details for the location of the Start and finish of each weekend are attached. Please note that postcodes do not always apply directly to the car park listed. I would recommend ensuring that you check your preferred navigational aid in advance to ensure it tallies with the information provided.

Most students will finish the expedition between 2pm and 3pm on the Sunday afternoons. They should find that they are able to (and will be encouraged to) contact you during the day and offer a more accurate finish time based on their own performance.

During the training expedition, an Instructor will be walking directly with groups on the first day with a focus on teaching them navigation. They are likely to start their second day again under direct supervision but as confidence and skills progress, staff intervention will reduce and students will begin to explore various 'what if' scenarios, before supervision becomes more remote with staff either monitoring via a series of checkpoints or by trailing them. This all of course depends on the participants themselves as well as other factors such as the weather.

During the qualifying expedition, participants are expected to complete their planned routes independently in line with the 20 conditions as laid out within the DofE framework. Staff will remain on hand to support should the need arise and will maintain supervision via a series of checkpoints and the exchange of emergency contacts at the start.

It is anticipated that tents, stoves and fuel will be given out to all students on arrival on the Friday mornings. If anyone wishes to borrow, a rucksack please email your request to Mrs Barlow, ([diane.barlow@bridgewaterhigh.com](mailto:diane.barlow@bridgewaterhigh.com)) and she will make them available for collection from the D of E Office from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, (they can be kept and taken home until the Qualifying Expedition has finished). In addition, further information on what to pack can be found on the DofE's own website [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org) and via short videos on You Tube.

It is important for staff to hold accurate contact and medical details for the participants whilst away and I would ask you to complete the attached Medical & Consent Form and return to school for the attention of Mrs Barlow, no later than Friday 15th March.



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On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm - 3.30pm I would ask that all Silver participants remain after school for an expedition information meeting in order to select their individual walking groups for both expeditions and of course run through any last minute preparations / questions for the up coming weekends.

In the event of an emergency during the expeditions, should you need to contact your son/daughter at any time you can contact the staff in the field using **07990 442237** (school mobile). Please note this number will only be available for the expedition weekend only and at times mobile reception can be poor in remote areas.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to get in touch via email [m.harnden@bridgewaterhigh.com](mailto:m.harnden@bridgewaterhigh.com) if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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