



Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Silver Expedition

Dear Student & Parent / Guardian,

As I am sure you are aware your child is taking part in their Duke of Edinburgh Award. The DofE staff team have been impressed so far this year by the commitment shown by the students in the three sections, physical, skills and volunteering, the evidence uploaded onto eDofE has been of a very high standard and certainly a good indication of future success in completing the award. As you are aware your child is currently involved in some training leading up to their qualifying expedition but today we would like to inform you of the details regarding an upcoming practice walk.

Practice Walk: Friday 28th February 2025 - MERRIVALE, DARTMOOR.

- Route planning, navigation, and teamwork - this will be their first 'practice' walk during which we will review their navigational and expedition skills.

Students will be asked to meet at **9:30am**, in the Plume of Feather Carpark, Princetown, PL20 6QQ. By students meeting us at the start location it allows staff to concentrate on the practice walks and delivering the necessary training but more importantly students are not spending the first few hours waiting around for the minibus to transport students to the start location. We encourage students to liftshare where possible. We also request that students are collected from the same location at **3:30pm**. If for any reason this may be an issue then please ask your child to speak to me as soon as possible.

Clothing/personal attire - students will need to bring in 'suitable' walking clothes (no denim). Walking boots plus a waterproof jacket and due to the time of the year and the location of the walk we suggest students have warm clothing. Students should also have a rucksack/backpack containing a water bottle, lunch and snacks, we will be providing students with Trangia stoves so will have the option to cook a hot lunch / have hot drinks whilst walking.

Expedition dates:

- **Practice Expedition** - Thursday 1st May 2025 - Saturday 3rd May 2025
- **Qualifier Expedition** - Thursday 22nd May 2025 - Saturday 24th May 2025

If you would like any further information please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely
Gareth O'Brien
Silver Leader

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Please complete the following and return to Gareth O'Brien by Friday 14th February 2025:

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the DofE practice walk on Friday 28th February 2025.

Signed _____ Date _____

Emergency contact name and number _____

Emergency contact 2 name and number _____

Medical information _____

