

**Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expeditions:**  
**Practice Expedition**  
**10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June**

21/05/2023

Dear Parents/Carers

As outlined in the initial letter, our DofE practice expedition will take place on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Please drop your child at the front of school at 0745. We will then go by minibus to start points on Exmoor where expedition groups will follow pre-planned routes accompanied by a member of staff. We will all camp together at Horner Scout Camp Site. On the second day, groups will walk unaccompanied. Staff will checkpoint groups at regular intervals and we will be back at school between 1530 and 1730. Your children will contact you with an accurate eta once we are on our way.

All participants need to attend one of the below times / dates for a kit check during the week prior to the expedition.

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – lunch time
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – 1530
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – lunchtime
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – after school

Please can participants bring all of their expedition kit fully packed in their rucksacks. On the morning of the kit check please bring rucksacks to the shipping container in the rear car park where they will be stored until the kit check.

All participants have a kit list so should know what they need to bring and wear. The purpose of the expedition is not only to practise navigation but to get used to walking with a large rucksack and to consolidate their knowledge about what kit to bring and what not to bring.

You have already provided us with medical details but if anything has changed please update me directly by emailing or calling me on my work mobile. (Details below)

Yours sincerely



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