



**Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expeditions:
Practice Expedition
11 and 12 June**

24/05/2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As outlined in the initial letter, our D of E practice expedition will take place on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 June. Please drop your child at the front of school at 0730. 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 a kit check during the week prior to the expedition. They can attend either on Monday 6 June at 1530 or Thursday 9 June at 1530. 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 practice 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.

Please complete the attached consent form and return to student reception no later than Monday 6 June. 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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PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED SLIPS TO STUDENT RECEPTION BY 6 JUNE.

Name of student Form Group

I give/do not give* permission for my child to participate in the D of E practice expedition on 11 and 12 June. (Please delete as applicable).

I confirm that all medical details and emergency contact details for my child are up to date.

Signed (Parent/Carer)..... Date