



**Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expeditions:
Friday 9, Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 July 2021
Updated information for Students and Parents
May 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers

With the anticipated easing of Government restrictions on 17 May looking likely to happen, we can confirm that the Year 11 Bronze D of E Expedition will be going ahead as planned on the above dates. Please could you complete the attached consent form and the Code of Conduct for Residential Visits and return them to student reception no later than Monday 24 May. If we have not received the forms by this date we will assume that your child will not be participating in the expedition and we will plan accordingly.

The expedition will be based at Kilve Court with all participants and staff camping there on both nights. The planning and training will take place on Friday 9 July led by Kilve Staff. School staff will be present at all times. The expedition will then take place in the surrounding countryside on the 10th and 11th. Participants will walk in their expedition groups unaccompanied on both days. Kilve and Castle staff will remotely supervise them and meet them at checkpoints to resupply them with water and check on their welfare. We aim to be back at school no later than 1800 on the 11th but please be available to collect your children from 1600 onwards. Participants will phone parents with an accurate ETA once we leave Kilve.

Equipment

Please see the attached kit list for details of the equipment that participants need to bring with them/wear on the expedition.

Stoves, tents and first aid kits will be supplied by the school and need to be collected on Thursday 1st July at 1530. Please can participants meet Mr Slade at the front of school promptly.

Please can participants return their Exmoor maps on 1st July. They will need to bring their Quantock maps with them on the expedition.

A mandatory kit check will take place at 1530 on Wednesday 7 July. Again, please meet Mr Slade at the front of school promptly. Participants will need to bring with them all of their equipment packed in their rucksacks with the exception of their food.

Food and Drink

Each participant must provide their own breakfast for two days, provide snacks and packed lunches for three days and provide their own evening meal for two nights. I would recommend boil in the bag type meals which are easy and quick to cook and will keep individual foods separate. Each person must carry 1.5 litres of water – please bring own water bottles. These can be re filled at the campsite. **PTO**

Dates/Itinerary

Date

Wednesday 19 May 1500 - DSS	Participant Meeting
Thursday 1 July 1530 (meet at front of school)	Kit allocation
Wednesday 7 July 1530 (meet at front of school)	Kit check
Friday 9 July 0915 (meet at front of school)	Arrive at school for departure to Kilve
Sunday 11 July 1600 – 1800 (collect from front of school)	Return from Kilve

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me by email: bslade@castle.somerset.sch.uk

Yours sincerely



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