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Dear Parent / Carer / Student

I am writing to provide you with information about the events your son/daughter will be involved in as part of the Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition section of the award.

The DofE has a full training programme that every DofE participant needs to undertake before they will be allowed to take part in their qualifying expedition. This will include training in skills such as:-

- Camp craft
- Cooking
- First aid
- Navigation
- Teamwork
- Observation and recording
- Emergency procedures
- Awareness of risk and health and safety procedures
- Country, Highway and Watersports Code

Training Events

1. 25th & 26th March 2017 – initial training for Direct Silver Candidates (those who do not hold the Bronze Award). This will be held locally.
2. 8th & 9th April and 15th & 16th April – Expedition training. Students are required to attend only **one** of these events which will be held in the Peak District.

This training will be done both in theory and practical sessions. It is therefore important that your son/daughter attends each session. During this training the DofE Leaders/Supervisors will gradually give the team more and more responsibility so that they are able to journey unaccompanied without the Supervisor present.

Practice Expedition

Evening of Friday 5th May until Sunday 7th May. This will be held in the Peak District.

A practice expedition is arranged during which time the team have the opportunity to practice all of the skills that they have learnt. One of these key skills is being able to make decisions for themselves without a Supervisor intervening. During the practice the team will therefore have the opportunity to travel without a Supervisor present and the Supervisor will supervise remotely. If necessary, more than one practice expedition may be arranged.

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Qualifying Expedition

Saturday 1st July until Monday 3rd July. This will be held in the Peak District.

On the assessed qualifying expedition the team will at all times be supervised remotely. This means that a Supervisor will not constantly be accompanying the team, nor will they be in constant sight or sound of the Supervisor. The Supervisor will meet up with the team on a few occasions during the day and will see the team in the evening at the camp site. This allows the Supervisor to check on the team's safety and welfare whilst still allowing the team the experience of being on their own.

Please be aware that you will not be able to contact your son/daughter during their expedition, as mobile 'phones can only be used in an emergency and will be switched off to preserve battery life. If you do need to contact them please get in touch via me on 07977 057526 (Centre D of E mobile).

I will provide further details of timings and venues nearer the dates.

Students are responsible for organising their own transport arrangements for these events.

Should you require any further information, or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07977 057526 (Centre D of E mobile), or email Outwoodpost16dofe@outlook.com.

Yours sincerely



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