

25th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Expeditions 2021

I am writing with the fantastic news that we are now finally getting the plans in place for your child to complete their Bronze DofE Expedition training and qualifying expeditions. We have been waiting for information on the date from when we are allowed for students to be on residential visits. The good news is that we can now get the expeditions completed this term and students will be able to complete their full Bronze Award.

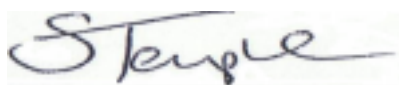
The plan is to complete a full day of expedition training in school during the May half term. We will then have a one day training walk, followed directly with a two day assessed expedition. With these plans we will be able to get all 100 students through the expedition requirements by the end of the summer term. Details of the dates are below

Year 10 x 4 teams and Year 9 x 3 Teams	7 teams Year 9 x 7 Teams
Date: Thursday 3rd June 2021 Activity: School based training day Location: CCF Store - 10am to 4pm	Date: Friday 4th June 2021 Activity: School based training day Location: CCF Store - 10am to 4pm
Date: Friday 25th June 2021 Activity: Navigation training / Training Expedition Location: Budmouth to Bagwell Campsite, overnight camp	Date: Saturday 3rd July 2021 Activity: Navigation training / Training Expedition Location: Budmouth to Bagwell Campsite, overnight camp
Date: Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th June 2021 Activity: Qualifying Expedition Location: Bagwell, South Dorset Remote supervision by staff Return to Budmouth for finish	Date: Sunday 4th to Monday 5th July 2021 Activity: Qualifying Expedition Location: Bagwell, South Dorset Remote supervision by staff Return to Budmouth for finish

Students have been asked to organise themselves into teams of seven and to make sure all team members can do the dates they have been allocated on Google Classroom. The cost of the expedition this year will be £35 per student. The cost for PP students will be £17.50. This will cover cooking gas, campsite fees, trip expenses, assessor fees and other administration costs. If you would like your child to take part in the expedition, then please go to the school website, where you will need to complete the electronic student information and parental permission form, in the 'Parents Information' section under DofE Bronze Expedition. As we are now a cashless Academy, payment for the expedition fee can be made via the Sims Pay app. This can be found in the Fees and Subs section under DofE Bronze Expedition.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the award then you can contact me at Budmouth on 01305 830514 or email me at stemple@budmouth-aspirations.org or go to the Award website www.dofe.org to find out more information.

Yours sincerely



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