

Ref: 050/17

23rd May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Expedition Section

Your son is going on the expeditions below, you will find attached an excursion medical form attached which must be returned by the 12th June 2017. He can pick up the expedition kit on Thursday June 22nd after school hours, this will take about 20 mins, please let me know if this interferes with your son's exams and we can alter the time.

Before your son goes on the expeditions he must have completed DofE for the 3 other sections of the Silver Award which are the physical, skill or volunteering sections.

Three Day Silver Practice Expedition Saturday 24th, Sunday 25th and Monday 26th June 2017.

Please meet at school for 8am so we can travel in the minibus to Bolton in Bowland then on to our campsite at Waddow Hall, Waddington Road, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 3LD. There are toilets and showers on site. Your son does not need a pen knife/multi-tool, gas, matches or log lighter.

The students will be divided into groups and each will have a qualified member of staff to supervise them over the 3 days.

The staff will work with the students to develop their navigation skills, camp craft, and teamwork skill. The staff will also debrief the groups at the end to allow the students to recognise what they have achieved and learnt over the 3 days, and to identify any areas which require improvement, thus preparing them for their qualifying venture. Your son may return tired and aching because he will do exercise he has not done before, but he will be fit for school the next day.

We have a pre-planned route around starting at Bolton in Bowland and walking to Clitheroe Lancashire and then 2 circular routes on Saturday and Sunday backpacking from camp.

We aim to return between 4-5pm on the Monday night and the boys will ring you when 30 minutes from school.

Three Day Silver Qualifying Expedition Friday 7th, Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th July 2017

Please meet at school at 8am so the groups can travel to Burton in Kendal, walking to Borwick Hall, Borwick, Near Carnforrth to camp on night 1 with toilets and showers and night 2 is at Gibraltar Farm, Jenny Brown's Point, Silverdale, Cumbria, with showers and toilets.

The students will stay in the same expedition groups and we endeavour to ensure the same supervisor as the practice. The Assessor would be a supervisor from another group.

The expedition will take place in Silverdale, Cumbria. Again, it's a route that has been used over several years, which will allow the students to have a challenging, but safe expedition with plenty of opportunity to allow them to be remotely supervised.

They will be debriefed at the end so they can identify what they have achieved and celebrate their achievement and again rest after a tiring but fun experience, ready for school the next day.

We aim to return between 4-5pm on the Sunday night and the boys will ring you when 30 minutes from school.

While away the emergency number will be 07771 693 007

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Slater
Vice Principal

Jean Riding

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REPLY SLIP TO: Mr S Slater and Mrs Jean Riding – Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award with the pink medical form by 11th June 2017

Name: _____ Form: _____ I would like my son to take part in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award 24th -26th June 2017 and 7th – 9th July.

Signed: _____(parent/carer) Date: _____