

Ref: 124/20

3rd March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

A one day walk which is part of the Gold Qualification has been organised to take place on Saturday 14th March 2020.

This will take place in the Rivington area, near Bolton which is approximately 40 miles away. Rivington Great House Barn, Rivington Ln, Horwich, Bolton, BL6 7SB.

A member of school staff will be on this walk but it will be conducted by Award Solutions. Transport will not be provided for the students and therefore will need to make their own arrangements to travel there and back. There are however, things to do in the area if parents/carers would like to stay during the day.

Students will be divided into groups and each will have a qualified member of staff to supervise them throughout the day. This will be a training and navigation walk to show them what a Gold Level Day will involve, walking approximately 8 miles during the day with their expedition kit and food, so they are self-sufficient. Staff will also debrief the groups at the end to allow students to recognise what they have achieved and learnt over the day and to identify any areas which require improvement, thus preparing them for their venture. Students will need stout, over the ankle walking boots which have been worn before, a waterproof jacket, waterproof trousers, warm clothes, hat and gloves, packed lunch and a drink. They will be out walking all day.

Award Solutions has the discretion to refuse to take young people out if they arrive with inadequate equipment ie. boots, water proof jacket and trousers, lunch, drink, hat and gloves and spare warm clothes etc, as they will be deemed unsafe. Parents are asked until the kit is checked. If your son/daughter needs to borrow a waterproof jacket or trousers etc. please ask Mrs Niblock by Friday 6th March 2020.

During the expedition students will carry a fully packed rucksack, tent, stove and rollmat, which can be borrowed. Supplies and clothes for 4 days will also be carried.

Emergency contact numbers – expedition weekends only:

Mrs Niblock – 07834 258 725

At other times - please email hniblock@stmargaretsacademy.com.

There is a Duke of Edinburgh section on the School Web Site under Curriculum where you will find out more about the Award.

Yours sincerely



Helen Niblock
St Margaret's D of E Co-ordinator



Robert Lawton
Head of 6th form

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Reply Slip To: Mrs Helen Niblock - Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award-One day walk – Saturday 14th March 2020

Student: _____

Form: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the one day walk. I understand transport is not provided and drop off is at 10:00 am and pickup is 4pm on Saturday 14th March 2020

I have completed and enclosed the Health Form in case of emergency.

Please return this slip and the Health form to Helen Niblock in room 20 at the very latest by Friday 6th March 2020.

Signed: _____ (parent/carer)

Date: _____