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Dear Parent/Carer,

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

The Practice Expedition will take place from **11th to 13th June 2026** in the Quantocks, with the group camping at Moorhouse Farm Campsite both nights. The Assessed Expedition will take place from **17th to 19th September** in the Forest of Dean, with the group camping at Biblins Campsite followed by a night at Bracelands Campsite. The cost of both trips is £105, which includes the £12 refund from the sign-up fee, and covers camping, transport and the maintenance of kit, but does not include food. Students will be asked to bring in £10 each a couple of days before both expeditions, which they will use to buy food to bring on the expeditions, using the meal plans that they have created in advance.

The expedition is one of the four sections that participants in the Duke of Edinburgh Award have to complete. For the Silver Award, the expedition involves three days of walking activity, which students will complete in groups, but with the expectation that they are self-sufficient and taking responsibility for planning and leading the Expedition themselves. To prepare the students for the full Expedition, which they will undertake without direct supervision, all the students must first go on a practice expedition, as well as attend a series of training sessions, to give them the skills and confidence to successfully complete the full expedition independently.

For the practice expedition students will need to be in school at 7.30am on 11th June and should return to school on 13th June at 5pm. For the assessed expedition students will need to be in school at 7.30am on 17th September and should return to school on 19th September by 5pm.

Please can I ask you to complete the Parental Consent Form for Residential Trips attached to this letter – this gives us details of medical conditions, medication, dietary requirements for your child and this information will be taken on the trip. We have divided the payment for the expeditions into two instalments, the first of which is **£60 to be paid via Arbor by no later than Friday 9th January 2026**. The second instalment is £45 and requires to be paid via Arbor by no later than Friday 27th March 2026.

Students must have the appropriate personal equipment to safely and comfortably complete the expedition. We strongly recommend that items like hiking boots and backpacks are purchased/borrowed well in advance, to make sure that they are worn in and will not rub! All students will be given a kit list and advised on the best equipment to bring. Please note, however, that the school will provide tents and camping stoves. One of the requirements of the Expedition is that the students bring in their full kit for an inspection about seven to ten days before the expedition - so some forward planning will be required.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on lily.clayton@olympustrust.co.uk

Kind regards,

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