

Dear Parents and Carers

Duke of Edinburgh Award - Expeditions

Please read through the information below with your child if they are part of the forthcoming Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

Reminder of dates for Bronze Expedition in Reeth:

Y10s: Saturday and Sunday 3/4 July 2021

Depart BHS Sat 8.30 / Return Sun 4.10pm

Y9s: Monday and Tuesday 5/6 July 2021

Depart BHS Mon 8.30 / Return Tues 5.30pm

- **Please be on time for the bus!**
- **Participants may contact you themselves if we arrive back any earlier.**
- **Staff will stay until last student is collected**

Students need to know that this is an ASSESSED expedition which means that they will be under assessment for the full 2 days.

Other important information:

1. This is an Award and it is about teamwork, independence and leadership. Participants are not expected to rely on their parents to do their job. Please support them but don't do it for them. If they forget something, it's their problem to deal with.
2. Route cards must be completed by students by Monday 28th June. Most groups have nearly finished this.
3. Phone rules: One phone only can be turned on per group during the day to complete their aim. Any others can only be used for emergency situations and must not be in sight for most of the time. They must be turned off once in their tent. Social media should not be used during the expedition.
4. No other electronic items are allowed. No loudspeakers in the countryside – please don't bring them.
5. Participants may be sent home and fail the Award if their behaviour falls below the expectations of the Duke of Edinburgh Award and the school.
6. **The kit list from Alfresco Adventure is on the Bedale High School Website**, under Extra Curricular Activities, Duke of Edinburgh Award. However, pupils have had small group training and should know what they need.
7. Any borrowed items need to be returned at the end of the trip. If this is a rucksack needed by another student, please return it before going home (Y10.) If not, bring it in on the next day.
8. There may be no showers available onsite, so please take this into consideration when packing. Bring your own toilet roll...just in case!

9. Bring a bag to put your dirty shoes in on the way home in case of rain and mud.
10. Students may **not go into shops until the expedition is completed and they have been passed and directed by the Assessor and staff.**
11. They may use the public toilet in Reeth on arrival and completion, if it is open. This is 20p.
12. At the end of the expedition, students will have to **present their completed aim to teachers as a group. They must do this to compete the expedition that day.**
13. After their short presentation, participants may go to the **ice cream shop if it is open.** They will need a small amount of money for this.
14. All teacher/instructor/assessor instructions must be followed by participants, or it will be deemed unsafe for that pupil to be there.
15. Any students who have not returned all their information about medical issues and consent forms etc. will not be allowed to travel.
16. Mr Kelly is our school contact for both expeditions.

Many thanks for all your help and support with this brilliant initiative. We are really looking forward to seeing the students benefit from it. If you have any further queries, please contact me: wilsonc@bedalehighschool.org.uk .

Yours faithfully

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