

Tomlinscote School & Sixth Form College

A Specialist Language College



13th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award 2018-19

Practice Expedition

Since my letter dated 18th September 2018, we have been informed of some changes to the DofE Bronze Award with regards to the Expedition section, in that a Practice expedition is no longer a requirement at Bronze level.

However, as participants are still expected to reach the skills and fitness levels appropriate for completing the remotely supervised, qualifying expedition, we have decided to continue with a Practice expedition but run it as a one-day event on Saturday 4th May 2019 (the original dates were Friday 3rd May-Saturday 4th May 2019.) Further details will follow but essentially, this will involve a day of walking, 9.00am-3.30pm, with rucksacks and all equipment required for the Final expedition (including tent and cooking equipment) so that students will have an idea of how much they will need to carry. We will require the assistance of parents to organise lifts to the starting point (in the Surrey Hills area) in addition to the usual collection at the end of the expedition. The students will also get a chance to practice putting up their tents on the school field during an after-school session (details to follow).

As the students will not now be travelling by coaches or camping overnight on the Friday, we are able to refund parents £20 and you will be able to withdraw this from your ParentPay account shortly.

With Christmas coming up, I thought it would be useful to send you a copy of the Expedition Kit List. A DofE discount voucher is included in the student Welcome Pack which gives online and in store discount in five retailers: GO Outdoors, Blacks, Millets, Ultimate Outdoors and Tiso. Students will also receive a DofE discount card once they have registered their addresses on their eDofE account.

Yours sincerely,

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