

Tomlinscote School & Sixth Form College

A Specialist Language College



8th April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Expedition
Saturday 4th May 2019, South of Guildford, Surrey Hills

For the practice expedition, students will be walking in the Surrey Hills and will either have a member of staff walking with their team or tracking them. They will be working and walking as a team, using the skills they have learnt during the training sessions. Staff will also be located at checkpoints along the routes.

Students will need all the equipment on their DofE kit list including waterproof trousers. Students must not wear jeans, because if they get wet, jeans can be very uncomfortable especially when they rub.

Please can you drop your son/daughter at the start point for their group, by 8:45am ready to start walking at 9:00am. Groups 1-7 will be starting at Normandy Common (GU3 2DA) and groups 8-14 will be starting at Shackleford Heath car park (GU8 6BQ). Your child will have been informed of their group during the training session. Your son/daughter will ring you from the final checkpoint and give you a time to meet them at the pickup point. The pickup point for all groups is Newlands Corner car park, GU4 8SE.

Your son/daughter will also be required to bring food for the expedition. They will have planned what snacks to bring that are suitable to eat while walking. Students must carry 2x1 litre bottles of water. If students are using a bladder (Camelback or Platypus etc), they will still need to have a 1 litre bottle in case the bladder bursts. There will be water at some checkpoints.

Mobile phones will be needed for emergency use only. However, they must be sealed in an envelope that will then be wrapped inside a plastic bag to avoid water damage. This must stay in the sealed bag throughout the expedition period. They will be given an emergency number (07765 408735) and will therefore be in contact with staff in case of an emergency. Students can bring a camera to take photos of their journey as this is a good way of documenting their progress.



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If your child has a medical issue please ensure that the medical information is up to date and as accurate as possible - medical information will not stop a student walking but will help us avoid them being hurt and withdrawn from the expedition.

Any medication your child is currently taking should be handed to the member of staff walking with your son/daughter together with the Student Medication Request form (available on the school website.) Students who need inhalers/epipens should bring in two; one to keep in their bag and one to give to their member of staff.

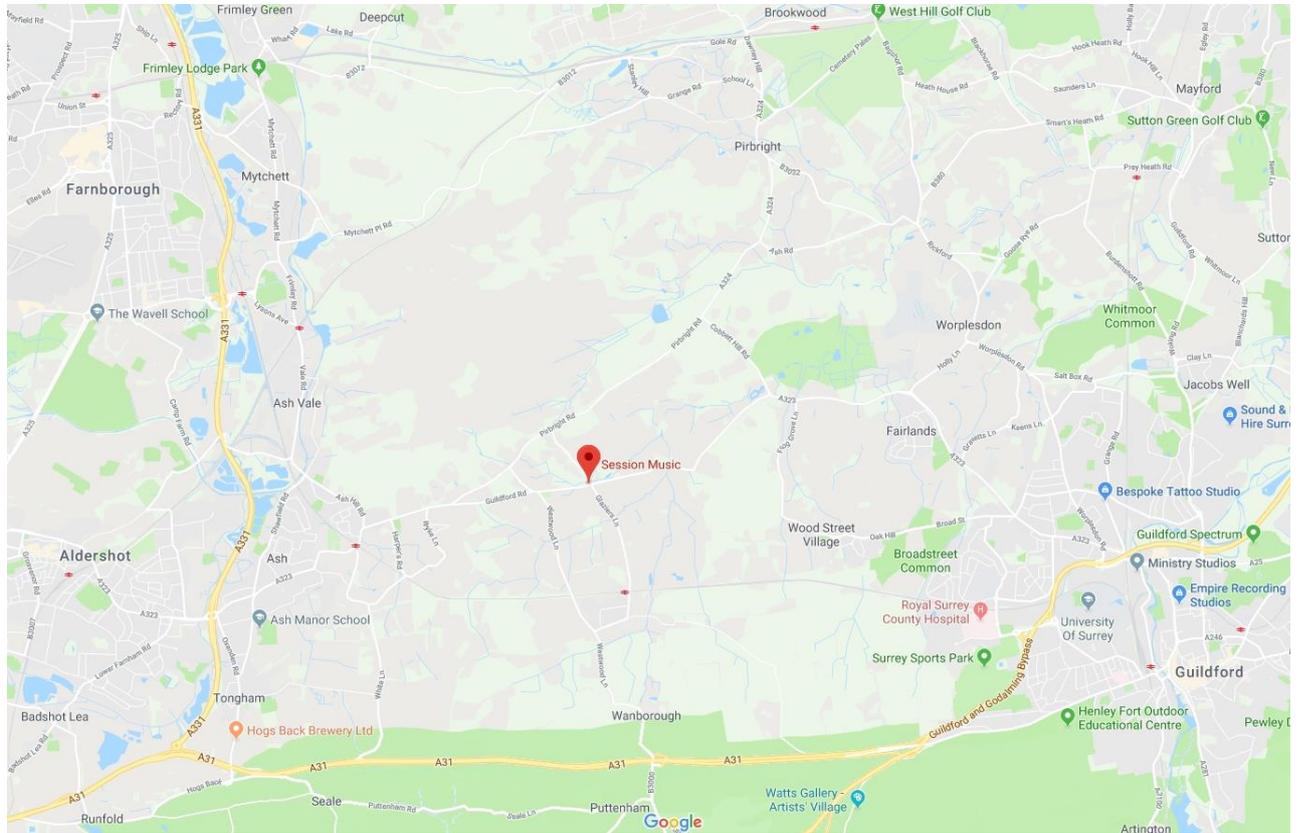
We will be using the emergency contact/student medical details that you confirmed on the consent form. If these change before the Practice Expedition, please email doe@tomlinscoteschool.com.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Johnston
DofE Team Leader

Start points:

Normandy Common car park, GU3 2DA



Shackleford Heath car park, GU8 6BQ

