

January 2010

D of E Silver Award 2010

Dear NAME

I am writing to inform you about the arrangements I have made for the Silver Expedition training course and the practice expedition this year.

Silver Expedition Training Weekend

The Silver expedition training course will be held on Sunday 7th – Monday 8th March 2010. A briefing and route planning meeting will be held after school on Friday 26th February from 3.45-4.45 pm in the Lower Library. Final preparations and equipment hire (boots / waterproofs) will be dealt with at lunchtime on Thursday 4th March at 12.30.

We will be leaving by minibus and car from the back of school at 9.00 am promptly on Sunday morning and returning by 4.30 pm (approximate time, depending on traffic) on Monday, again to the back car park.

We will be staying overnight in a youth hostel, YHA Mankinholes, tel 0870 7705952, (emergencies only). My mobile number for the weekend will be 07754486749. Please leave a message if you do not get an answer. (There may be no signal at the hostel itself).

Please return the slip attached with payment of £15 by Thursday 21st January (cheques payable to MTGS please).

Silver Practice Expedition

The Silver Practice expedition will be during the Easter holidays from Wednesday 7th April – Friday 9th April. We will be camping overnight at

Hurst Green Camping Barn on Wednesday evening, tel 01254 826304 (emergencies only) and Chipping Camping Barn on Thursday evening tel 01995 61209 (emergencies only).

My mobile number for this expedition will be 07754486749.

We will leave school at 8.30am from the back car park on Wednesday and return at approximately 5pm on Friday. The girls will have learnt what they should bring and must make sure that they are properly equipped for three days outdoors in uncertain weather. It is part of the expectations of the Dof E Award that they should be responsible for their own packing.

While we have attempted to foresee any possible problems that might occur during the expedition, part of the challenge lies in the girls' need to be self-reliant and to navigate for themselves. You should be aware that there will be times during the day when the girls will not be accompanied, although we will not be far away.

Please note: only pupils who have completed and handed in their Bronze record books before the end of March will be eligible for this practice expedition.

Please return the slip attached with payment of **£15** and the enclosed medical form by Thursday 21st January (cheques payable to MTGS please).

Dates for your diary:

Silver Practice Assessed Expedition, Eden Valley, Friday 25th – Sunday 27th June 2010 (provisional but probable date) for Year 11 and L6 participants.

A second small expedition will be organised for the end of August or early September for any year 11 and L6 pupils who are unable to take part in the April practice expedition and for those doing direct entry Silver Award.

Please check the enclosed medical form carefully, make any necessary amendments, highlight these and sign and date the form again at the end and return with your reply slip.

Yours sincerely,

C. Southworth
D of E Award Group Leader

REPLY SLIP

D of E Award: Silver Training weekend and Practice expedition 2010

Please complete this reply slip and return it to Mrs Southworth with payment and your daughter's medical form by 21st January 2010.

I give permission for my daughter, NAME.....FORM....., to take part in both the silver training weekend on 7th – 8th March 2010 and the practice expedition from 7th – 9th April, and I enclose a payment of £30.

I give my permission for my daughter NAME.....FORM....., to take part in the silver training weekend on 7th – 8th March 2010 only, and I enclose a payment of £15.

- I give permission / do not give my permission for my daughter to travel in a staff car, if necessary.
- I have checked the enclosed medical form and signed it to confirm this.

Signature of parent Date