

Personalise to Kate Halsall, Sophie Heyes, Hannah Hill, Charlie Kelly, Charley Mackie, Sarah Wallwork

5th July 2010

Dear Parents

A Gold D of E practice expedition will be held over the four days from **Thursday 12th August to Sunday 15th August** in the Yorkshire Dales.

We will be travelling by minibus, leaving at 8:30am from the back of school on Thursday. Girls should arrive around 8.15 am. The girls will be returning to school around 6:00pm on Sunday. Further information will be conveyed to you by telephone, as we leave Cumbria.

We will be camping overnight at the following campsites:

Thursday: High Laning Camping and Caravan Park, High Laning Farm, Dent, Sedbergh, Cumbria, LA10 5QJ, Yorkshire Dales. Phone: 015396 25239.

Friday: Cross Hall Campsite, Cross Hall, Cautley, Sedbergh, Cumbria, LA10 5LY, Yorkshire Dales. Phone: 01539 620668

Saturday: Bents Farm, Newbiggin-on-Lune, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria, CA17 4NX. Phone: 01539 623681 / 01768 371760

Girls may carry mobile phones in a waterproof sealed packet for use in an emergency only, but you should not expect to hear from your daughter during the expedition. If an emergency arises you will be contacted by Mrs Robinson or one of her deputies. If you wish to contact me during the expedition, my mobile phone number will be 07754 486749. Please leave a message if the phone is not switched on.

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. As participants progress through the D of E Award scheme they are expected to become increasingly more independent and self-sufficient. You should be aware that the girls will not always be accompanied while they are walking, although we will not be far away, and we will arrange regular checkpoints.

At Gold level it is expected that participants camp independently as well, and therefore the staff supervisors on this expedition are unlikely to be on the same campsite as the girls on 2 of the 3 nights camping. We will be camping nearby, and the girls will be able to contact us, if they need us. We will also check them at the campsite every evening.

Please return the slip below and the attached medical form, together with a final payment of £25 with your daughter on **Thursday 8th July** or post the reply slip, payment and medical form to school to arrive by **Thursday 15th July**.

Girls may hire some items of equipment from school, and these will be available at school on Thursday 8th July.

Yours sincerely,

C Southworth (Mrs)
D of E Co-ordinator

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**Reply Slip to be returned to Mrs Southworth
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme – Gold Practice Expedition, 12th – 15th August 2010**

Daughter's Name Form

I have received the information about this expedition. I understand the levels of supervision outlined in this letter.
I give permission for my daughter to take part in the Gold Practice expedition in the Yorkshire Dales, and I enclose £25.00 payment. My emergency contact numbers during the expedition will be:

Home Mobile Work (if applicable)

I enclose a completed medical form.

Signature Parent/Guardian Date