

May 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Silver Practice Assessed Expedition

A Silver Practice and Assessed Expedition will be held over the three days from **Friday, 25th June to Sunday, 27th June 2010** in the Eden Valley.

The group will leave by minibus from the back of school at 8:30am (pupils should arrive by 8.15am to share out group equipment) on Friday morning and return on Sunday between 5:00pm and 6:00pm. A more definite time will be conveyed by telephone when the minibus is about to leave the Eden Valley.

The girls will have learnt what they should bring and must make sure they are properly equipped for three days outdoors in uncertain weather. It is part of the expectations of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award that they should be responsible for their own packing.

We will be camping overnight at Bents Farm on Friday night.
The telephone number is 01539 623 681 or 01768 371 760 – emergencies only please.
We will be at Hawkrigg Farm, Colby on Saturday night.
The telephone number is 01768 351046 – emergencies only please.

The nature of an expedition is such that participants are not permitted to use telephones during the expedition except in an emergency, so do not expect to hear from your daughter until the expedition is completed. Girls may carry mobile phones in a sealed bag in order to contact me if an emergency arises. (If necessary 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 is 07754 486749 Please leave a message if there is no reply, as the signal will fluctuate.

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 return the slip below together with a payment of £15.00 by Thursday 13th May 2010 (cheques payable to MTGS). Please let me know of any changes to your daughter's medical consent form.

Girls may hire some items of equipment from school and this will be available at school on Thursday, 10th June, or Thursday 17th June at 12.15pm.

There will be a pre-expedition check on Monday 21st June from 11.30am – 12.30pm. Pupils will need to bring in their packed rucksacks and will meet their assessor, who will be checking that they are properly prepared and trained for this expedition.

Yours sincerely

C Southworth (Mrs)
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Organiser

Reply Slip

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Friday 25th June – Sunday 27th June 2010

Daughter's Name **Form**

I have received and understand the information regarding the Silver Practice and Assessed Expedition to be held over three days from Friday, 25th June to Sunday, 27th June, and I enclose £15.00 as payment for my daughter NameForm to participate. My daughter's age on the day of the expedition will beyrs months.

My emergency contact number during the expedition will be:

There are no changes to my daughter 's medical form.

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date