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Dear Parent/Guardian

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Expedition – Savernake Forest **Saturday 23 April – Sunday 24 April 2016**

The boys have now completed their training in preparation for the Bronze practice expedition. This will take place around Savernake Forest on Saturday 23 April to Sunday 24 April 2015. **There will be no transport provided in either direction**, therefore all participants will be expected to make their own way, (car sharing), to the car park North of Marlborough, on the A346 towards Swindon, one mile after passing Marlborough Golf Club, in the car park (Grid Reference 188 707) on the left hand side on Saturday 23 April at 0915hrs.

Before starting their hike students kit bags will be thoroughly checked. Therefore ensure that all mobile phones, or similar, are **sealed** for use in emergencies only; please stress this to your son/ward as this can cause a groups immediate failure. Teams will camp overnight at St Katherine's School (Grid Reference 251 651), with kind permission from the Savernake Estate. Students are not permitted to leave the campsite overnight. The cost of the practice expedition is **£14.00**. The price includes the services of H5 Adventure, insurance and camp site fees. Your son/ward and his team will need to be prepared with their own lunch, snacks, drinks and have something suitable to cook for the evening on a Trangia; plus Sunday breakfast, snacks, drinks and lunch for the Sunday hike. I will inform the students which day we will lend out Trangias and tents. The tents need to be taken home and returned **dry** and the Trangias **clean**, ready for the next expedition; Gold training on Exmoor 27-30 May 2016.

On Sunday we will finish around 1330hrs at the car park one mile north of Alton Barnes on the road that leads to Lockeridge, Grid Reference 116 637. Mr Paul Webb of H5 Adventure will be the lead for the weekend supported by myself and BWS volunteering staff members. Emergency contact number 07876 765478.

We will re-use the indemnity forms from the training day so the onus is on you to ensure that we have the correct current emergency contact details and details of any new medical conditions and your son/ward takes all necessary medication with him on this expedition. Your son/ward will be covered by the school's insurance during this expedition; a copy of which is available on the school website.

Payment to be made on-line via www.scopay.com by Monday 18 April 2016. If you need a link code please email amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk For further information on DofE, please contact Mrs Nute on amn@bws.wilts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mr T P Gilmour
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