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Dear Parent/Guardian

25 May 2016

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Scheme Qualifying Expedition – Marlborough Downs **Saturday 11 – Sunday 12 June 2016**

Plans are now complete for your son's/ward's assessed expedition around the Marlborough Downs on Saturday 11 to Sunday 12 June 2016. Can you please ask and check that your son/ward has updated his edofe account and gets all of his evidence uploaded for approval; it is very important that he now adds his group aims and goals for the expedition section.

Please ensure no ipods (or similar), and all mobile phones are to be sealed for use in emergencies only; please stress this to your son/ward as this can cause a groups **immediate** failure.

There will be no transport provided in either direction, therefore all participants will be expected to make their own way 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 11 June at 9.15am, the same drop off as the practice. There will be a full kit check of equipment before any teams are allowed to start their qualifying expedition. Failure to bring equipment may result in boys not being allowed to participate. Your son/ward will again be expected to be self-sufficient for the two days with suitable snacks, drinks, lunch and something suitable to cook for the Saturday evening on a Trangia. Teams will camp overnight at the Lakeside Campsite (Grid Reference 074 789). Students are not permitted to leave the campsite overnight. Your son/ward must bring his D of E 'Keeping Track' booklet for completion of the qualifying expedition section by the assessor. Mr Paul Webb of H5 Adventure will be the lead for the weekend, supported by volunteer members of BWS staff and myself.

On Sunday morning teams will be allowed to proceed when the assessor is satisfied with the state of the campsite and that all team members remain properly equipped. Teams will need to have provisions for Sunday breakfast, snacks, lunch and drinks. We will finish between 1-2.30pm at the Barbury Castle Country Park Car Park, (Grid Reference 158 761), postal code SN4 0QH on Sunday 12 June.

The cost of the expedition is £16.00. The price includes, school insurance, (a copy of which is available on the school website), use of equipment, campsite fees, supervision leader and expedition assessor services. I will inform the students when to collect tents and Trangias. Again the tents need to be returned **dry** and complete and the Trangias **clean**.

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.

Payment to be made on-line via www.scopay.com by Tuesday 2 June 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

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DofE Bronze Leader