



# Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award – Qualifying Expedition

The dates for the Gold qualifying expedition to Dartmoor are Wednesday 5 July returning on Monday 10 July 2017; I will be overseeing the expedition with the help of BWS staff, volunteer parents and ex-parents. We aim to leave school around 1430 hrs on Wednesday, meeting at BWS by 1400, returning about 1900 hrs on Monday. Your son will be reminded to call home with an ETA.

Your son will need to attend a pre-expedition check during lunchtime, I will also contact him via his school email (Blue and Green 26 June, Red and Pink 27 June, Orange 28 June). The cost of the expedition will be £107.50, which includes £25 reduction from the deposit paid on enrolment. This cost covers transport, van hire, school's insurance (a copy of which is available on the school website), two nights' camp site fees, hire of tracking devices, use of equipment and assessor fees. We will be camping at Harford Bridge Park campsite, Peter Tavy, Tavistock, Devon, PL19 9LS, 01822 810349 grid reference SX69 4912. Our home contact is 07957 932950.

Your son will need:-

- to attend his group pre-expedition check
- to be prepared with funds for food on Wednesday, Thursday and Monday
- money to pay camp site fees on Saturday and Sunday
- gas canisters for Trangias
- to bring DofE keeping track booklet for the assessor to complete his report after they have given their group verbal presentation
- to have a suitable 'emergency food pack', eg spare hot food pouch, snacks, nuts, boiled sweets, chocolate, kendal mint cake, or similar
- to be aware that all mobile phones etc are not permitted whilst on the expedition. Sealed for use in emergencies only; please stress this to your son as this can cause a group's immediate failure
- to be aware that anyone suspected of drinking alcohol will be collected by a parent/guardian
- to read the attached 'points to note'

Please ensure that we have current emergency contact details and details of any medical conditions and that your son takes all necessary medication with him on this trip. If you need to update any information please email Mrs Hayward on [sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk)

Payment to be made on-line via [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com) by Friday 30 June 2017. If you need a link code please email [amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk) For further information on DofE, please contact Mrs Nute on [amn@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:amn@bws.wilts.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

Mr T W Churchill  
DofE Co-Ordinator  
Enc – Student information 'Points to Note'

Gold Assessed Expedition  
Dartmoor  
Wednesday 5 July – Monday 10 July 2017

Points to Note:

- You need to arrive at BWS by 1400 for a 1430 departure
- Pre-expedition checks at lunch-time on, Blue and Green 26<sup>th</sup> June, Red and Pink 27<sup>th</sup>, Orange 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Tents and Trangias can be signed out before departure
- You will need to buy gas canisters for your trangias
- The first two nights the groups we will be at a campsite at Harford Bridge Park, Peter Tavy, Tavistock, Devon. PL19 9LS 01822 810349. Grid reference SX 69 4912. Staff will remain at Harford Bridge for the duration of the expedition
- No drinking alcohol. Anyone suspected of drinking will be collected by a parent/guardian
- There will be an opportunity to do a supermarket shop on Thursday morning. I suggest a pub dinner on Wednesday evening for some groups BBQ, for the others and then switch the following evening; students to pay
- Any excess kit may be left in the trailer for the duration of the expedition, small bag for first couple of days, fresh clothes for return journey
- No ipods (or similar) please, and all mobile phones are to be sealed for use in emergencies only as this can cause a groups immediate failure
- For wildcamping you are responsible for paying for your camp site fees
- A reminder that your 'emergency food pack' will be checked by the assessor! eg spare hot food pouch, snacks, nuts, boiled sweets, chocolate, kendal mint cake or similar
- Remember to bring your DofE keeping track booklets for completion by the assessor after your groups verbal presentation
- Participants MUST be self-sufficient for the duration of the expedition (Wednesday-Monday)
- There will be an opportunity for supper before we return to BWS on Monday, again make sure you have funds available
- You will be reminded to call home with an e.t.a
- On arrival at BWS it is essential that all borrowed kit is taken home, trangias cleaned and tents aired and dried. If it is not returned the group will be charged for a replacement
- Also beware of ticks
- Any queries please contact Mrs Nute (amn@bws.wilts.sch.uk)