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Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: Duke of Edinburgh Award – Gold Practice Expedition to Brecon Beacons Sunday 31 March to Wednesday 3 April 2019

The dates for the practice expedition are **Sunday 31 March to Wednesday 3 April 2019** in the Brecon Beacon. We will leave school at **06:00**, so please **arrive no later than 05:45**, in time for the first brief and 6 hour hike from Golden Grove Campsite, Llangenny, Crickhowell, NP8 1HD. We will stop en-route at the services for a big breakfast so please ensure your son has money available to purchase breakfast. Mr Paul Webb of H5 Adventure will lead the expedition with my support. Mr & Mrs Nute will drive the students to the start also staying locally for the duration of the expedition. Our campsites are:-

- Sunday 31 March Treats Campsite, Llanthony, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire NP7 7NN
- Monday 1 April Grange Trekking Campsite, Capel-Y-Fin, Abergavenny NP7 7NP
- Tuesday 2 April Newcourt Farm Campsite, Felindre, Three Cocks, Brecon, LD3 0SS

After a de-brief, on Wednesday 3 April, we will complete route cards and green forms for the qualifying expedition before returning to school; once again stopping at the services for food, aiming to arrive at BWS around 17:00. We will remind your son to call home with an estimated time of arrival. If you need to contact us you can do so on 07957 932 950/0796 9107460.

Transport will be provided, but participants will need to purchase their own gas as sadly we do not have the facility to safely store gas at school. The participants will need to come prepared with food for the duration of the expedition. I will inform the students which day we will lend out Trangias and tents we will put these into the trailer ready for our early departure. In the past it has been beneficial to have a pre-kit check one lunch time. The tents need to be taken home and returned dry/aired and the Trangias clean, ready for the Bronze practice expedition. A copy of the kit list can be found on the school website.

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

Yours sincerely

Mr J M Oldham
DofE Co-Ordinator