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Dear Parent/Guardian

**RE: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Expedition – Savernake Forest
Saturday 27 April – Sunday 28 April 2019**

The boys have now completed their training in preparation for the Bronze practice expedition. This will take place around Savernake Forest on Saturday 27 April to Sunday 28 April 2019. **There will be no transport provided in either direction**, therefore all participants will be expected to make their own way, (car sharing), to the lay-by North of Marlborough, on the A346, one mile after passing Marlborough Golf Club, (SN8 1RZ/Grid Reference 188 707) on Saturday 27 April. **Teams 1 to 7 arrive for 0900 and teams 8 and over arrive for 1000.**

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 as this can cause a groups immediate failure. Teams will camp overnight at St Katherine's School SN8 3BG, (Grid Reference 251 651). Students are not permitted to leave the campsite overnight.

Your son 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. Tents and Trangias to be taken home by your son; tents to be dried and aired, Trangias to be cleaned, ready for the next expedition. Your son will also need to purchase their own gas as we do not have the facility to safely store gas at school.

On Sunday we will finish between 1400-1600 hrs. This will, of course, depend on their efficiency clearing the campsite and their pace. Meeting at the small car park one mile north of Alton Barnes on the road that leads to Lockeridge, Grid Reference 116 637/SN8 4LB. Mr Paul Webb of H5 Adventure will be the lead for the weekend supported by myself and BWS staff members; the emergency contact number is **07876 765478**.

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 expedition. These details can now be checked through the Insight Parent Portal, otherwise please contact Mrs Hayward sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk to update your son's information. For further information on DofE, please contact Mrs Nute on amn@bws.wilts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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