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Dear Parent/Guardian

23 March 2018

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Gold Practice Expedition to the Brecon Beacons
Sunday 8 April to Wednesday 11 April 2018

The dates for the practice expedition are Sunday 8 April to Wednesday 11 April 2018 on the Brecon Beacons. As we had to cancel the full day training students will receive a brief training refresher afternoon on Wednesday 28 March 2018. This will prepare them for planning their routes, go through appropriate kit, food and camp craft ready for this expedition.

We will leave school at 0600, so please arrive no later than 0545, in time for the first brief and hike. 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.

We will be camping at Golden Grove Campsite, Llangenny, Crickhowell, NP8 1HD, 01643 862463 on Sunday. The expedition will start soon after we arrive with their first hike, one of the three days of hiking, including a Wild Camp, and ending at Newcourt Farm Campsite, Felindre, Three Cocks, Brecon LD3 0SS, 01497 847285, on the final day. After a de-brief we will complete route cards and green forms for the qualifying expedition before departing for BWS, aiming to arrive around 1700 on Wednesday 11 April. We will remind your son to call home with an estimated time of arrival. Home contact number 07957 932 950/0796 9107460

The cost of the expedition will be £164; this cost covers H5 adventure fee, transport, camp site fees, use of equipment and school insurance, (a copy of which is available on the school website). 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. The tents need to be taken home and returned dry/aired and the Trangias clean, ready for the Bronze practice expedition the following weekend. 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

Payment to be made online via www.scopay.com by 6 April 2018. If you need a link code please email Mrs Herberts on amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk For further information on DofE, please contact Mrs Nute on amn@bws.wilts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mr J M Oldham
DofE Co-Ordinator

Enc – Points to Note