



# Backwell School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Award Assessed Expedition in the Black Mountains Friday 11 to Sunday 13 October 2019**

I am writing to provide final details and arrangements for the assessed Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition. Please read all details below carefully.

### **Dates and transport**

The assessed expedition will take place in the Black Mountains from **Friday 11 to Sunday 13 October 2019** and will involve three days' walking and two nights' overnight camp.

We will be travelling by minibus, departing from Backwell School at **4.00 pm on Thursday 10 October** and camping overnight to get an early start on the first day of the expedition. This will also allow time for a kit check. We expect to return to school at approximately **5.30 pm on Sunday 13 October**, although this will be traffic dependent.

### **Equipment and food**

It is important that your son/daughter is suitably equipped for the expedition. All students were issued with a kit list and guidance on the training day. If they have misplaced their kit list, they can download a replacement via the link on FROG or from the Wild Country Consultants' website, [www.wildcountryconsultants.co.uk](http://www.wildcountryconsultants.co.uk).

There is every possibility that the weather in October will be cold and wet. These conditions could be potentially dangerous if students are not properly equipped. Wild Country Consultants will not allow any students who are ill prepared to start their expedition. In particular, please ensure that your son/daughter has appropriate waterproofs.

Group kit, such as tents, maps, stoves and fuel, will be provided by Wild Country Consultants on the morning of the expedition. All other kit items must be personally provided, including a compass, personal First Aid kit and food for the expedition (3 x lunches, 2 x evening meals, 2 x breakfasts and snacks).

The group planned their menu for the evening meals and breakfasts during the training day and should have agreed what they were each buying. An individual packed lunch will be required on each of the three days, as well as snacks. Please avoid foods that could go off! Students should each be carrying 2 to 3 litres of water, which will be topped-up at checkpoints.

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### **Mobile phones and contact details**

Students are allowed to bring their mobile phones with them. However, they must be fully charged, switched off and stored safely in their packs, for emergency use only. Please note that the school cannot take responsibility for any lost or damaged personal items whilst on the expedition.

Staff will carry phones and the contact details you provided on your son/daughter's enrolment form. **It is important that you are available at all times for the duration of the expedition, in the event that you need to collect your son/daughter.**

If you have any questions about these arrangements, please email me at the school, via [mailbox@backwellschool.net](mailto:mailbox@backwellschool.net).

Yours sincerely

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