

Friday 15th September 2023

SILVER DOFE AWARD PRACTICE EXPEDITION, THE WHITE PEAKS

Friday 13th October – Sunday 15th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to provide further details of your son/daughter's Silver Practice Expedition:

- Please arrive at **Vandyke Upper School** at 06.45 on Friday 13th October. Students will be transported to and from the White Peaks, Staffordshire/Derbyshire by coach. The school minibus will support the student teams once they are walking.
- Teams will start day one of their expedition at Waterhouses (ST10 3JS) and walk to Barracks Farm Campsite (SK17 OHQ) near Hartington where they will camp on Friday night. Staff teams will meet students at checkpoints throughout the day then camp at Barracks Farm to supervise overnight.
- On Saturday 14th October, teams will walk from Barracks Farm to Pomeroy Campsite (SK17 9QG) where they will camp overnight with staff. On Sunday 15th October, teams will complete their third day of walking to Over Haddon (DE45 1HZ), near Bakewell. The coach is due to depart from Over Haddon by 16.15 and we hope to be back in Leighton Buzzard by 19.00, however we will phone you to confirm timings once the journey is underway.
- **PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENTS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO BRING THEIR PHONES OR IPODS FOR THE JOURNEY. Each team will walk with an Emergency phone provided by the school.**
- Should you need to contact your son/daughter during their Practice Expedition please go through me; Fiona Green on 07594997464 or Helen Gibbs on 07594997301.
- **Emergency contact and medical form** – please fill out via your son/daughter's Google Classroom Silver DofE class account. The form is attached as an assignment to be completed by **Monday 25th September**.
- **Payment of the remaining £194** – on sQuid by the end of September please.
- Please find a kit list attached. Students will plan what food they will need to bring in the after-school sessions (3 lunches, 2 breakfasts, 2 team evening meals to be cooked on Trangia stoves, snacks and 1.5-2 litre drinks bottle).

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions by emailing Helen Gibbs, Assistant DofE Manager, gibbsh@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

F.J. Green

Mrs F. Green
Duke of Edinburgh Manager



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