



May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Duke of Edinburgh Year 11 SILVER Award – Assessed Expedition
Saturday 4th July, Sunday 5th July and Monday 6th July 2020

Your son/daughter are working on the final sections towards the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award. Hopefully students are nearly finished working on their Volunteering, Skill and Physical sections and these will be ready to sign off ASAP with me once finished this expedition. Following students practice expedition their final step is their assessment expedition, taking place on **Saturday 4th July, Sunday 5th July and Monday 6th July 2020**.

This three-day expedition will take place from **Grosmont Steam Train Station in the North York Moors**. We will be camping on the Saturday night at **Hooks House**, Robin Hoods Bay, Whitby, YO22 4PE. The second nights camping (Sunday) will take place at **Lythe Caravan and Camping Park**, High Street, Lythe, Whitby, YO21 3RT. On the Monday, students will finish up at Beacons Hill.

Transport: - (Same as the practice expedition plans) we will use the school minibus which will be driven by me and all students can travel to and from the expedition with staff. On Saturday 4th July, students need to meet myself at 7.45am outside the front of the school with their rucksacks and equipment. I hope for us to leave the Academy by 8am so that students can start walking from about 9.30am.

On the Monday, I plan for us to be back to Vale of York Academy car park for around 6-7pm, we will make contact if things are drastically different to this. If you should need to contact me for an emergency during the weekend, you can call me on this mobile number on: - **07725 116109**.

Although students will be supervised during the weekend, they will be self-sufficient and will be carrying all their equipment and food for the 3 days. The students have received training to support them during the expedition and have had the practice as the dress rehearsal for this. There will be 1 assessor over the weekend looking at the students.

Students will be provided with tents, safety and cooking equipment but need to make sure that they have obtained the necessary personal equipment for them to be safe and comfortable (a kit list they already have but can collect another from me if needed). I have a range of rucksacks, sleeping bags and roll mats that can be borrowed and students just need to collect these on the evening specified below.

Few other handy dates for completion of this award: -

Wednesday 1st July – 3.00pm – 4.00pm meet in G23 (Kit Issue / go over plans for the weekend/Routes/Q&A) All to attend please.

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Tuesday 7th July – All kit borrowed from students to be returned to Mr Rampling so I can get it all cleaned and ready for next persons use.

Wednesday 8th July 2019 in the Library. Presentation / Sign off (3pm – 5pm)

Students will make and deliver their presentations in the library and this will complete your award. I will need to sign your presentations in your dofe books. This is also DofE sign off time (this is to sit with students and sign off their award fully). If you can't make this evening, then please arrange another evening that week so we can sort it out. Students will then be invited to the awards ceremony which takes place, February 2021 to receive their award.

The upcoming Expedition....

There will be a small charge of £40.00 for the expedition, which covers camping fees (2 nights), fuel, maps and equipment hire. This is to be paid by parent pay please. Please return all forms and money to Mr Rampling by **Monday 29th June 2020.**

In total the award has cost £120.00 for the full award, £40.00 for signing up, £40.00 for the practice weekend and £40.00 for the qualifying expedition. If you have already paid this, then you will not owe anything.

In an event of an emergency during the weekend and need to relay an urgent message, I can be contacted on **07725 116109.**

Students will have their mobile phones turned off during the weekend. If you have any further queries, or just wish to know more about the award, please do not hesitate contact me at school by email m.rampling@valeofyorkacademy.org or school phone (01904 560000).

Yours sincerely

Mr M Ramping
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Please return with the attached Health and Data form to: Mr Rampling in PE by **Monday 29th June 2020.**

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Student Name: _____ **Form:** _____

I have read the letter giving details about the Year 11 Silver practice expedition and give permission for my son/daughter to take part.

Transport: - (Please select one of the options below)

Transport Option	Please Tick
Minibus place	

Minibus - students must be at Vale of York Academy for 7.45am to leave at 8am.

Payment: - I have paid £40.00 for the cost of the expedition on Parent Pay.

Any issues with payments please see Mr Rampling as early as possible so this can be addressed.

Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, my contact phone number during the weekend will be:

_____ (Relationship to Student)

Parents/Carers will be made aware of any emergencies relating to their child.

In the event of an accident, I am happy for first aid to be carried out by fully trained member of staff

Please note any Medical Information/Medication being taken below (full detail required)

I give permission for photographs to be taken while on DofE to be displayed in and around School

Signed: _____

Printed: _____

Dated: _____

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