



September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Duke of Edinburgh Year 11 SILVER Award – Practice Expedition
Saturday 19th, Sunday 20th and Monday 21st October 2019

Your son/daughter has recently been working towards the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award and this letter details the preparation for the practice expedition. At present they have been working on their Volunteering, Skill and Physical sections. As part of this award they have to complete a practice expedition taking place over three days, including 2 overnight stays at 2 different campsites. There will be 2 teachers including myself who will be with the students during the 3 days.

This three day assessed expedition will take place in **Horton in Ribblesdale, Yorkshire Dales**. We will be camping for both the nights at **Knight Stainforth Hall Campsite**, Settle, North Yorkshire, England, BD24 0DP, contact number 01729 822200. The campsite is fully equipped with showers, toilets and washing facilities and students will like the campsites area. On the Monday, students will finish up at Ingleton and at this point we will bring the students back.

Transport: - There will be our school minibus which will be driven by myself. On the Saturday morning students need to meet myself at 7.45am outside the front of the Vale of York Academy with their rucksacks and equipment. We will be leaving by 8am for students to start walking from 9.30am.

On the Monday, I plan for us to be back to the Vale of York Academy car park for around 6pm. We will make contact if things are any different to this.

Although students will be remotely 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 but need a **couple of extra sessions before we go which students must come in for please (these are listed below)**.

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 and menu ideas are attached to this letter for guidance). If any students have difficulties in obtaining these items they need to inform myself as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements can be made, and personal kit can be borrowed from school.

Please can I see students in G41 on the dates below to prepare for the weekend: -

Wednesday 17th October – 3.00pm to 3.40pm

Kit distribution evening - kit will be collected for the weekend ready for packing at home. Go over routes for the weekend and sort Menu plans out. On the morning of the expedition Mr Rampling will check that bags are packed correctly.

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Wednesday 23rd October - 3pm to 4pm

Students will have a recap of the weekend and we will discuss the steps forward for the assessment weekend.

All kit borrowed from student's needs to be returned to Mr Rampling on **Tuesday 22nd October.**

Payment

The total cost for the Silver Award is £120.00. £40.00 was for signing up which went to the Local Authority, £40.00 for the practice weekend and £40.00 for the qualifying expedition.

The £40.00 charge for the practice weekend covers camping fees (2 nights), fuel, maps and equipment hire. This should be paid via Parent Pay please **by Friday 19th October 2019 (where possible).**

In the event of an emergency during the weekend and if you 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 Rampling
Head of PE and Enrichment



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Please return with the attached Health and Data form to: Mr Rampling in PE by **Monday 14th October 2019**

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Student Name: _____ **Form:** _____

I have read the letter giving details about the Year 11 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	

All students travel by minibus, students must be at Vale of York Academy for 7.45am to leave at 8.00am.

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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