



21 January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Bronze Evening Walks

As you are aware your son/daughter is currently signed up to complete their Duke of Edinburgh award at the Vale of York Academy. As part of the award students will have to learn how to be self-sufficient when being on an expedition. Students need to be able to confidently read a map and navigate along a chosen route in order to safely arrive at their destination. The weekly sessions after school have been preparing students towards this goal and now it's time to put these skills into practice during after school walks with staff.

In order to practice skills learnt in a classroom students need to have hands on experience and gain confidence in the outdoors. To enable students to gain this confidence I would therefore like them to participate in the following 3 evening activities:-

1) Orienteering - Rawcliffe Bar County Park, Rawcliffe, York, YO30 5XZ - Meeting Point: Outside the training hut behind the bus station. Start: 4.00pm - Finish: 5.30pm

Students need to make their own way there and meet myself and staff at the training hut by the park. Students can walk, cycle or be dropped off.

Activity	Group	Date	Staff
Orienteering	All students	Thursday 12 March 2020	Mr Rampling, Miss Densley, Ms Edwards

2) Evening walk - Bylands Abbey, Byland, Coxwold, North Yorkshire, YO61 4BD
Leave School at: 3.30pm - Return: 8.30pm approx.

A minibus will transport the groups at the end of the academy day and will return to site at approx. 8.30pm. Parent/Carers must collect students upon return or arrange for them to get home safely.

Activity	Group	Date	Staff
Evening Walk	1 (16 students)	Thursday 19 March 2020	Mr Rampling & Mrs Zulkarnain
Evening Walk	2 - (16 students)	Monday 30 March 2020	Mr Rampling & Mrs Crisp

Students only need to attend **one of the above!!*

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3) Evening walk - Osmotherly, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 3AA

Leave School at: 3.30pm - Return: 8.30pm approx.

A minibus will transport the groups at the end of the academy day and will return to site at approx. 8.30pm. Parent/Carers must collect students upon return or arrange for them to get home safely.

Activity	Group	Date	Staff
Evening Walk	1 - (16 students)	Thursday 23 April 2020	Mr Rampling & Mrs Zulkarnain
Evening Walk	2 - (16 students)	Thursday 30 April 2020	Mr Rampling & Mr Martin

Students only need to attend **one of the above!!*

Lists will be displayed of which groupings you are in for the evening walks; students need to check and then highlight their letters!

Walks

Students will have 20-25 minutes to get changed in the PE changing rooms after the end of the academy day. Therefore they will need to bring the following items to school:-

Hiking boots where possible, if not trainers, waterproof coat, torch, change of clothes that are suitable for walking, snacks (sandwich, crisps, sweets, etc) and a bottle of water. These can be stored in my PE office during the academy day. We will try to pop by McDonalds on the way home if students want to bring some money with them for any food or drink.

Equipment

Students already have an equipment list for expeditions. Students **DO NOT** need to bring all their equipment in, just the items above. However, please can you endeavour to purchase the equipment needed as expeditions are not too far away. If you need to borrow equipment, please let me know so I can sort this out.

Please can you complete the reply slip attached to this letter and return it to me by **Friday 6 March 2020**. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 01904 560000 or email m.rampling@voy.hlt.academy

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Mark Rampling
Head of Sport and Enrichment
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator**





Duke of Edinburgh Orienteering and Evening Walks Bronze Award (2020)

Student's Name: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the following D of E practice evenings:

Rawcliffe Bar County Park, Rawcliffe, York, YO30 5XZ

Activity	Evening	Please Tick
Orienteering	Thursday 12 March 2020	

I understand that my son/daughter will need to make their own way to the meeting point and way home after the training session.

Byland Abbey, Byland, Coxwold, North Yorkshire, YO61 4BD.

Activity	Evening	Please Tick
Evening Walk	Thursday 19 March 2020	
Evening Walk	Monday 30 March 2020	

Osmotherly, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 3AA

Activity	Evening	Please Tick
Evening Walk	Thursday 23 April 2020	
Evening Walk	Thursday 30 April 2020	

I give permission for my son/daughter to travel by minibus to and from Byland Abbey and Osmotherly with Mr Rampling and another member of staff from the academy.

I give permission for my son/daughter to make their own way home from school when we arrive back about 8.30pm.

Emergencies

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

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)

VALE OF YORK ACADEMY



I give permission for photographs to be taken while on DofE to be displayed in and around the Academy.

Signed: _____ Printed: _____

Dated: _____

