



May 2022

Dear Parents/Carer,

**Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – Assessment Expedition - Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 June 2022**

Your son/daughter has been working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award this past year and we are getting close to them completing all their sections. Students will have completed their practice expedition in Stillington and Husthwaite during May. This letter details the preparation for the assessed expedition which is taking place over two days and includes an overnight camp.

This assessment takes place on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 June 2022 and all students need to complete this expedition as part of their award. There will be several members of staff including myself who will be with the students during the weekend. During the day they will be remotely supervised in teams whilst out navigating.

The expedition starts on Saturday morning until Sunday afternoon and the format is exactly the same as the practice expedition. We will be camping at Lakeside Holiday Park, Castle Howard, YO60 7DA. The campsite is about 30 minutes' drive from the Vale of York Academy.

To keep costs as low as possible we are asking parents to drop students off at **The Highwayman Pub, The Square, Sheriff Hutton, York YO60 6QZ for 9.30am on Saturday 25 June** and to collect them, again from the Highwayman Pub at around **3.30pm on Sunday 26 June**. Same as the practice, please give or take an hour or so either side of this time.

*Directions: drive through the village of Sheriff Hutton, go past the village hall on your right and continue around the corner, the pub is on the left hand side.*

If students struggle with getting to the drop off point there will be the school minibus leaving from the Vale of York Academy at 8.30am. This will be on a **first come first served basis**. Students can add their names to the minibus list by ticking the box on the reply slip. Once full, students will need to travel with parents/carers.

The students will be walking from Sheriff Hutton to Coneysthorpe (Castle Howard) on Saturday and returning on a different route to Sheriff Hutton on the Sunday. Although students will be remotely supervised during the weekend, they will be self-reliant and will be carrying all their equipment and food. The students have received training to support them during the expedition and a kit list and menu idea list is attached to this letter for further guidance on what to ensure students bring with them.

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 is 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.

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**IMPORTANT** – please can I ask you to refrain from sending pupils with nuts/foods with nuts in, where possible please as we have a student who is allergic and we would like to reduce the risks mitigated as much as possible.

**Other important dates for completion of this award: -**

**Thursday 16 June – 3.00pm – 4.00pm in G40 – All Students to attend.**

Kit issued to students/go over plans for the weekend/Routes/Q&A)

**Friday 24 June – 3.00pm – 4.00pm in the Gym**

Go over final details for the weekend, anyone who would like their bag checked again to be brought in and checked.

**Monday 27 June**

**All kit borrowed from students must be returned to Mr Rampling.**

**Thursday 30 June – 3.00pm – 4.00pm in G40**

Students will make a presentation of their project from the weekend. I will be running assemblies on the Silver award during July/September 2022 to move students on to the next level.

**Payment**

The total cost for the Bronze Award is £101.00. £41.00 was the signing up fee which went to the Local Authority, with the remainder, £30.00 for the practice weekend and £30.00 for the qualifying expedition.

The £30.00 charge for the assessment weekend covers camping fees, fuel, maps and equipment hire. This should be paid via Parent Pay by Friday 10 June 2022.

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@voy.hslt.academy](mailto:m.rampling@voy.hslt.academy) or school phone (01904 560000).

Yours sincerely



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



**Please return to: Mr Rampling by Friday 10 June**

**Duke of Edinburgh Year 10 Bronze Award – Assessed Expedition - Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 June 2022**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Form:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the letter giving details about the Year 10 Assessed expedition and give permission for my son/daughter to take part.

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

<b>Transport Option</b>	<b>Please Tick</b>
Making own arrangements to drop off and pick up from Sheriff Hutton	
Minibus place (First come first served)	

If travelling by minibus, students must be at Vale of York Academy for 8.15am to leave at 8.30am. This is on a first come first served basis.

**Payment:** - I have made the payment of £30.00 on Parent pay for the charge of the expedition.

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  
YES/NO

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

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\_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for photographs to be taken while on DofE and for them to be displayed at Vale of York Academy. YES/NO

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_