



19<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition**

Your son/daughter has volunteered to attend the Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024. This is a great opportunity which cannot be missed to achieve the award. To attend, your son/daughter must have completed at least one of their three-month sections.

You should be aware that there are two different meeting and end points for the students depending on their walking group. Your son/daughter should meet and be collected at the points outlined in this letter.

Please read below for the essential information.

**Meeting Place Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024:** 1st Moreton & Fyfield Scout Head Quarters, Rear of Houchin Drive, Fyfield, Essex, CM5 0RF.

**Meeting Time:** 10.00 am.

**Overnight accommodation:** Skreens Park Activity Centre, Skreens Park Rd, Chelmsford, CM1 4NN.

**Collection Address Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024:** High Easter Village hall, The Street, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 4QS.

**Collection time:** Estimated time will be between 2-4pm but a phone call will be made when your son/daughter is towards the end of their walk.

**Price: £20**

Students are not permitted to use their mobile phones whilst on expedition. Students will be given a phone to use in case of emergencies. If your son/daughter wishes to bring their mobile phones, they can hand them into a member of staff on the Saturday morning before they begin their walk. The phone will then be returned to them once they have completed their expedition on the Sunday.

**Important kit information:**

It is absolutely essential that all kit is returned in the condition it was given out in. Tents must be dried out and cleaned, if this is not carried out it will result in them becoming mouldy, and therefore ruined. Trangias must be cleaned by hand and dried properly. Students will have the opportunity to complete this before they are collected from the expedition.

**Please note that there will be a charge for any lost kit or kit that has not been cleaned and returned in the correct condition.**

Please return payment and consent on ParentPay by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me: [a.silva@passmoresacademy.com](mailto:a.silva@passmoresacademy.com)

Yours faithfully,

**Aislinn Silva**  
**Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator**

**Duke of Edinburgh Kit List:**

**Listed below are the items that each student will need to individually own for the expeditions:**

- Sleeping bag (an adult lightweight camping style one)
- Walking boots (it is recommended that these are purchased soon as students will need to get use to walking in them)
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| Sleeping mat  | Waterproofs (jacket and trousers)            |
| Water bottle  | Plate/bowl/cup                               |
| Cutlery   | T-shirts/polo shirts x 3                     |
| Fleece (cotton hoodies are not an alternative)  | Trousers x 2 (sport leggings are acceptable) |
| Socks x 3   |  |
| Underwear   |  |
| Lunch x 2, Dinner x 1, Breakfast x 1 & snacks for throughout both days (students will be informed of suitable food) |  |
| First Aid kit (students will be informed of a suitable first aid kit during their training)                         |  |
| Sun cream   |  |
| Matches   | Toilet roll                                  |
| Toiletries  | Torch  |
| Watch   |  |
| Pen/Pencil  | Bin bags x 2                                 |

**What Passmores will supply:**

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| Tents | Rucksacks | Maps |
| Fuel  | Trangia   |      |