

16 January 2012

Dear Parent

**Re: Duke of Edinburgh Gold Training Weekend – Brecon Beacons National Park  
Friday 24 February-Sunday 26 February 2012**

As part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, students are required to complete an expedition section which is organised and arranged by the school.

In addition to the practice expedition in April 2012 and the assessed expedition to Morocco in July 2012, I have arranged for a group of students to visit the Brecon Beacons National Park from Friday 24 February to Sunday 26 February 2012.

The purpose of this trip is to provide a controlled wild country and camping experience so that participants may demonstrate competency as per DofE requirements in an assessed, remotely supervised environment.

Activities and skills taught during the weekend will include:

- Navigation and micro navigation;
- Camp cooking and camp hygiene;
- Risk assessments and emergency procedures in remote country;
- Wild camping, the law and minimum impact camping.

Weather depending, it is expected that those participating will traverse Fan Fawr, the Taf Fechan Forest, Fan y Big, Cribyn, Corn Du and Pen y Fan (the highest peak in South Wales and southern Britain). Various cairns, memorials, waterfalls and landforms will also be navigated to along the way.

Those wishing to participate in this weekend can expect a very tiring but rewarding experience. Pupils will leave school on Friday 24 February at 11.00am and will return on Sunday 26 February at approximately 7.30pm. Miss Johnson and I will accompany and participate in the activities with the pupils.

The majority of the cost of this trip, including insurance, will be subsidised by the school but I would ask that participants bring a £20 contribution to cover basics such as fuel, parking and the M4 Severn Bridge Toll. Participants will also require pocket money for food, etc., when we stop at the motorway services.

A full expedition kit list, specific pupil requirements and further details will be given to participants during the lunchtime and after school training sessions. These will be compulsory for those wishing to take part in this trip.

I would be grateful if you could sign below confirming your acknowledgement of this letter and giving permission for your son/daughter to participate.

If you have any questions or would like further details about this trip then please contact me via [seniorschool@claremont.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:seniorschool@claremont.surrey.sch.uk).

Contact information will be collated from the school's database system. Please return the permission slip below by email to [seniorschool@claremont.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:seniorschool@claremont.surrey.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

Mr Justin Scobie  
DoE Co-ordinator

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**To: Mr Scobie**

**Re: Duke of Edinburgh Gold Training Weekend – Brecon Beacons National Park  
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I give permission for my son/daughter to go on the gold training weekend to Brecon Beacons National Park on Friday 24 February-Sunday 26 February 2012.

Student's name: .....

Tutor group: .....

Parent's signature: .....

Date: .....

