

9 January 2012

Dear Participants and Parents

Re: DofE Practice Expedition - Tuesday 10–Sunday 15 April 2012

As you may be aware, the Duke of Edinburgh's award requires participants to complete a practice expedition inside the UK before they attempt their test.

This year we have opted to run this through Expedition Wales as they are able to provide participants with qualified instructors and an experience specifically tailored to prepare them for their test in Morocco.

Dates for the practice expedition are slightly longer than the previously published and we would ask that any clash with booked holidays be passed on as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements for the participant can be organised.

DofE Gold Trial Expedition

Dates: Tuesday 10 April–Sunday 15 April (half day) 2012 (middle week of Easter holidays).

Cost: £175

Why is it longer?

Expedition Wales includes training days before the expeditions to ensure all participants are up to the challenges awaiting them on the hike regarding expectations and safety.

Payment for this trip may be made through the ParentPay system, and must be received **no later than Friday 24 February**. To make your payment simply login to your son's/daughter's account on the ParentPay website (www.parentpay.com) and under the 'Items for payment' menu select 'DofE Gold Trial Expedition' by ticking the box to the left of the item and then click on 'continue' and follow the payment instructions. You may use debit or credit cards to pay for this service. Should you have any problems using the ParentPay system please contact the school via parentpay@claremont.surrey.sch.uk, tel: 01372 473604 or the ParentPay helpline and your query will receive prompt attention.

For those participants not registered on the ParentPay system, we would ask that a cheque be made out to **Claremont Fan Court Foundation Ltd** and returned by the above date.

Please find the proposed itinerary and further information included with this note.

We look forward to the forthcoming adventure.

Yours sincerely

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