

Dear Duke of Edinburgh Participant

RE: Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition to the Forest of Dean – Friday 23 March-Sunday 25 March 2012

On Friday 23 March-Sunday 25 March 2012 we will be holding the first of the expeditions for completion of the Expedition section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The purpose of this event is for you to acquire knowledge and experience through activity. The expedition is designed to encourage participants to become capable individuals who work hard to tackle challenges. It is absolutely essential that you attend. If you do not participate in this practice expedition you will be ineligible to obtain your award this year and will have to wait until next year to complete the expedition section of the award.

Please arrive at school on Friday 23 March for 7.00am. We will meet in The Close (the minibus car park) of Claremont Fan Court School and depart at 7.30am to make our way to Christchurch in the Forest of Dean.

You will be required to bring anything you think you may need for the expedition, including:

- A sleeping bag
- Change of clothes (enough for the duration of the hike)
- Food to be cooked for two dinners
- Food for two breakfast
- Three lunches
- A torch
- A warm hat/beanie

Please refer to your handouts for a more detailed list

All groups will be provided with tents, tranguias and first aid kits prior to the hike. It will be your responsibility to ensure all equipment is prepped and ready for this practice expedition. This should be packed and ready to go on arrival, Friday morning. Remember, it can still be quite cool at night so be prepared for it and dress sensibly and warm.

Parents need to be available to pick up students from The Close between 4.00-6.00pm. Please complete the slip below and return to **Ms Johnson by Wednesday 21 March 2012.**

Yours sincerely

Ms Leah Johnson
DofE Unit Leader

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To: **Ms Johnson**

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Name of Student: _____

Tutor Group: _____

I give permission for my child to attend the Silver Practice Expedition on Friday 23 March-Sunday 25 March 2012 and am aware that they will require collection from the school on Sunday between 4.00pm-6.00pm.

Parent's signature: _____