

10 September 2026

Dear Students and Parents/Carers

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award - Final Expedition

With the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Final Expedition approaches, please find the final details below.

On Wednesday 16 September, students must arrive in school **by 6.00am** with all of their equipment and food packed inside their rucksacks. If any items are attached to the outside of their rucksack, they will need to repack them before commencing their expedition. Students should also have their planned routes and completed route cards. A comprehensive kit list and information about the route has been shared with students via Google Classroom.

Students will be required to bring enough food for 2x breakfasts, 3x lunches and 2x dinners. They should have planned their menu with the rest of their team. Given the early start, they may choose to bring an additional breakfast to eat on the journey up to Derbyshire. On the last day, a cooked dinner will be provided for them before the return coach journey.

We hope to arrive back at Parmiter's around 9:30pm on Friday 18 September. Students will be in contact when we are on the coach journey home to provide a more accurate arrival time.

Staff will be at various points along the routes and at the campsites overnight. Due to the nature of the Award, we operate a remote supervision policy and, as such, a mobile phone number is provided below for emergencies. Please ensure that your son/daughter writes down the number in case they need it. Students will only be allowed to use mobile phones in emergencies, in accordance with the regulations of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, so **please do not try to contact them during the Expeditions and do not ask them to contact you**. Any students caught using their mobile phone during the Practice or Final Expedition will be deferred and therefore not achieve their award.

All students need to have the DofE phone number: **07375609480** and this should be their first point of contact in case of problems. **Please note, this phone number has changed from what you might have had recorded previously**. However, as we are in the Peak District, reception can be poor and students can also ring the school directly (**01923 671424**) and they will call us on a different number if the above number is unobtainable.

It is very important to realise that students will need to be self-motivated to complete the award successfully; the whole ethos of the Award is that students should take responsibility for themselves and become more independent. To that end, they should organise their expeditions themselves, identifying any items that need to be purchased and who is responsible for bringing the shared kit.

Your sincerely

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