

Spenser Avenue North Walsham Norfolk NR28 9HZ

T: 01692 402581 F: 01692 500643

W: [www.northwalshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.northwalshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk)

E: [office@northwalshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@northwalshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk)

The logo for North Walsham High School, featuring the school's name in white serif font on a red background with yellow and blue vertical bars on the right side.

North  
Walsham  
High School

9<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to give you information regarding the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions taking place this summer. Firstly, a reminder that the dates for the practice expeditions are as follows:

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May.
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

The practice expeditions will take place in the countryside around North Walsham and students will be camping on the school field. This is to ensure that students feel comfortable and are in familiar surroundings so we can work on navigation skills effectively.

After successful completion of one of the practice expeditions, your child will be able to take part in a final expedition. Dates for the final expeditions are as follows:

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June to Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

The final expeditions will take place in the countryside around Holt and students will be camping at Breck Farm camp site (NR25 6QL). The kit that students must bring on the expeditions is as follows:

- 1) Walking boots and walking trousers (not jeans).
- 2) Waterproofs.
- 3) Warm clothing (many thinner layers are better than one or two thick layers).
- 4) Sleeping bag.
- 5) Food and cutlery.

As a school, we were able to secure a generous grant last year to cover large equipment such as tents, cooking Trangias, rucksacks, compasses and fuel bottles, so they do not need to be purchased.

Please let me know by 5<sup>th</sup> April, via email at [pittmana@nwsh.uk](mailto:pittmana@nwsh.uk), if your child is unable to attend either of the final expedition dates above. I have received notification with regards to students being unable to attend either of the practice expeditions but please also email me if these circumstances have changed.

More detailed information for the expeditions, such as pick up locations and drop off times will be emailed out nearer to the expedition dates. I have made students aware that I would like each of them to have completed at least one of their other three sections of the award (volunteering, skill or physical) by the start of the practice expeditions in May. If they need any assistance in finding one of these opportunities, then please ask them to speak to me in room S3.

As always, the DofE website has some brilliant ideas and information regarding all sections of the award. Their website is [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org). Please also encourage your child to upload their evidence to eDofE when they have completed each section as they learned how to do this on the DofE skills day on 17<sup>th</sup> January.

Kind Regards

Adam Pittman

Duke of Edinburgh Manager