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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to provide you with information regarding the final arrangements for the Duke of Edinburgh practice expeditions next month.

The students must bring the following kit to the expedition:

- 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.

Groups 1-8 will take part in the practice expedition on 10th-11th May. Groups 9-16 will take part in the practice expedition on 17th-18th May. Students have been made aware of which groups they are in, but if they missed the announcement then they can find this information out from myself.

Students will need to meet me in the theatre on the Tuesday prior to their expedition, for a short briefing of their route and to ensure they are aware of all safety procedures. I will also show them an example of the food and personal kit they should bring, as students tend to over-pack on Bronze DofE. The briefing for students taking part in the practice expedition on 10th-11th May will take place in the theatre at 3pm on Tuesday 7th May. The briefing for students taking part in the practice expedition on 17th-18th May will take place in the theatre at 3pm on Tuesday 14th May. The briefing will last around 20 mins and if students can't attend then they should see me during school time before this date.

On the morning of their expedition, students should arrive at school at 8:30 and meet me at The Atrium with their personal kit. I will then distribute the other kit as required (tents, rucksacks, fuel, Trangia's etc.). We will release groups at various time intervals accompanied with a current DofE award holder, from Year 10. If the students can show that they can navigate competently by the end of the first day then they will be able to complete the expedition independently as a group on day 2, passing staffed checkpoints regularly.

Although it is not likely, we may need to contact you at any point during the expedition. On day 2, students will walk from the school, to Southrepps Village Hall (NR11 8NW), along another pre-arranged route. Please could you collect students at 3pm from Southrepps Village Hall on the Saturday of their expedition. This will give us time to collect school equipment and to debrief the groups (students will only be able to leave when this has happened).

If you have any questions regarding the practice expedition, or the DofE Award in general, then please feel free to email me at pittmana@nwhs.uk.

Kind Regards

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