

Friday 27th March 2026

Subject: Duke of Edinburgh Expedition 2026 – Important Information

Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to our previous communication regarding the Duke of Edinburgh Award, I am pleased to share details of this year's expedition programme.

Pupils have made a strong start towards completing their award, engaging well with their volunteering, physical and skills sections. The expedition is a key part of the award and provides an excellent opportunity for pupils to develop confidence, resilience, teamwork and independence in an outdoor environment.

The expedition will once again be delivered by East Coast Outdoors, a nationally recognised and approved activity provider.

Expedition Dates

- Practice Expedition: 6th – 7th June at Two Mile Bottom
- Qualifying Expedition: 4th – 5th July at Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Centre

During these expeditions, pupils will work in small teams to plan routes, navigate and camp overnight, applying the skills they have developed throughout their training. Transport to and from the site will be provided by the school.

Student Information Session

To support preparation for the expedition, East Coast Outdoors will deliver a virtual student presentation on:

- **Tuesday 28th April** at 3:15pm – 4:00pm. This will be held virtually in F6.

This session will provide important information about:

- Required equipment
- Food and packing
- Expectations for the expedition
- A question and answer opportunity

Training Sessions

Weekly Duke of Edinburgh training sessions take place every Thursday after school from 3 – 4pm.

Attendance is strongly recommended, as these sessions focus on essential expedition skills such as map reading, navigation and equipment use, all of which are crucial for a successful expedition.

Cost and Payment

The total cost of the expedition is £165, which includes staffing, equipment and campsite provision.

A deposit of £40 has already been paid to secure your child's place and the remaining balance will be due before the expedition. The payment system will be set up shortly after the Easter holiday.

Further details, including, medical and consent forms, kit list and food guidance will be shared after the Easter holiday.

We are very much looking forward to supporting your child through this exciting and rewarding element of their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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