

March 2019

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Training Day at the Weald School

Date: Saturday 30th March 2019 10am - 5pm

Final Details

The full day of training will take place, as stated above, here on the school premises and is being provided by a highly recommended company (4th Dimension) who work at Blackland Farm, near East Grinstead. This is a single day of intense, comprehensive training in the school grounds. It is crucial to the D of E expedition, and all students are expected to attend.

The day's activities will involve team building, camp craft, map navigation, first aid, health and safety and a walk in the local area. The participants will be led by trained outdoor professionals to bring their skills up to the expected level for the Silver Award. A **kit list** is attached for the students. They will need to bring all equipment as if it is the expedition (over 3 days), for the Equipment section of the programme. There will be a walk in the afternoon in the local area, led by the training guides in which navigational skills will be developed further. Thus they need to come appropriately dressed for expedition activities. The students will also need to bring a packed lunch for the day.

As you know, we have the highest expectations of our students for their behaviour and conduct around school, and they rarely let us down. However, please be aware that your child's place on any school trip is dependent on their ability to cooperate fully with staff and other students, to be a responsible member of our community and to comply with school rules. In the unlikely event that a member of staff feels this is not the case, they reserve the right to withdraw a child from a trip for safeguarding purposes. Please note that payments are non-refundable and you may be liable to pay any outstanding balance in full, which we have already committed to the operators or venues.

Students need to report to the Sixth Form Centre by 10am from which the activities will be organised, and can be picked up from there at 5pm.

Throughout the day, my contact number for use in an emergency will be: [07788 887155](tel:07788887155).

If you have any questions about this weekend, please do not hesitate to contact me on emead@theweald.org.uk

Yours faithfully



Esther Mead

D of E Co-ordinator

Training Weekend Kit List

- rucksack
- suitable shirt
- warm top (fleece jacket)
- waterproof jacket and trousers
- suitable walking trousers
- walking boots and socks
- change of underwear
- nightwear
- warm hat and gloves
- Torch and batteries
- wash bag (toothbrush, soap etc)
- personal medicines
- Tent
- sleeping bag
- sleeping mat
- cooking stove and matches or lighter (group);
- Knife, fork, spoon, plate, bowl, mug
- washing up materials (group)