

Dear Parent/Carer,

Y10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

Thank you for your continued support of your son/daughter in the completion of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Please encourage them to complete their activities by 30th April 2019 and to fill in their **eDoFe** details online for each of their activities.

We are now in the middle of the programme of preparation for the Expedition element.

Below are the upcoming dates:

Sunday 10 March 2019: 9am - 1pm: Sixth Form Centre

Expedition Preparation

- Paper Mapwork
- Route cards (distances, timings, escape notes)
- Online mapping
- Begin planning practice and Qualifying expedition

This weekend will be followed by regular meetings to complete the planning for the expeditions.

Saturday 26 (9am) - Sunday 27 April 2019 (1pm) - Blackland Farm training weekend. Details to follow. **This is a compulsory training weekend.**

After the Blackland Farm weekend, we will be having **regular after school sessions on a Wednesday/Thursday** to plan and prepare for the Practice Expedition as well as the Qualifying Expedition. These **must be attended by the students** as it enables us to ensure they are safe and well prepared. It is also a requirement of the Duke of Edinburgh Award that students attend at least 90% of training.

Dates for the practice and Qualifying Expeditions:

**Sat/Sun 8/9 June: Practice Expedition: meet at 9am at a designated point; finish by 1pm
Sunday**

**Sat/Sun 22/23 June: Qualifying Expedition: meet at 9am at a designated point; finish by 4pm
Sunday.**

Further details of these will be sent out closer to the time of the event. However, it is important that all these dates are put in your calendar, as D of E does not allow any young person to take part in the Qualifying expedition without participating in a Practice expedition.

These dates are for your information only, and do not require your attendance, (unless dropping off and picking up) but we do expect all student participants to be there. If there are any problems with these dates, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E Mead". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Ms E Mead
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator for The Weald School