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15th September 2023

Bronze DofE Qualifying expedition North Yorkshire Moors Friday 6th October - Saturday 7th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

A Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition has been organised for your child, in the North Yorkshire Moors. We are planning to leave the school at 9.30am on the Friday 6th October, travelling by school minibus and returning by 2.00pm (approx.) on Saturday 7th October 2023. Please make sure students are in school by the normal start time for an equipment check prior to departure.

Activities

The activities we are planning to do are:

Completion of the Bronze expedition – On day 1 students will be walking from Osmotherley to Chop Gate. On this day they will not be accompanied by a member of staff but will be closely monitored at several checkpoints along the way to ensure their safety.

After completing this walk, they will be taken by minibus to Kildale Campsite and Barn at Kildale near Stokesley where they will be camping on a public campsite (the staff members will be staying on the site as well).

On day 2 students will be transported back to Chop Gate village and will then walk as a group independently from Chop Gate back to the car park at Cod Beck Reservoir on the outskirts of Osmotherley. Staff will be located at various points along the way to check that the students are on the correct route. As soon as the last group finishes, we will depart for school, hence the approximate arrival time back to school. There is also an ice cream van parked at this location if you wish your child to purchase an ice cream on completion of the walk.

Cooking on Trangia Stoves - Students will be required to bring all their meals whilst they are away. This will include packed lunch for two days, breakfast for one morning and a two-course meal that can be cooked on a stove as their evening meal.

Equipment - Although this list is not exhaustive it is an idea of what students will need to take with them. Please look at the weather forecast and encourage your child to pack appropriately. If you have any questions, please contact any of the DofE team. We are asking that the students pack everything into a 65-litre rucksack and have a waterproof jacket even if the forecast is for hot weather. They will also need to be wearing walking boots.

We cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage so don't send anything of value (I pods, PSPs, Designer Clothing etc.)

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Packing checklist

Walking Boots

Waterproof Jacket and bottoms

65 litre rucksack (everything is to be packed into this)

Water bottle	Thick socks	Sleeping bag and PJ's	Fleece or warm jumpers
T-shirts	Strong trousers (NOT JEANS)	Warm hat and gloves (forecast dependant)	Food for trip
Underwear	Towel and wash kit	Torch and spare batteries	Plasters and personal medication
Dust bin liner for wet clothes			

NO FOOD IS PROVIDED ON THIS TRIP

If your child is on any medication, can you please add this to the Indemnity form which will be sent out next week. If there are any specific conditions applied to this medication, please ring and discuss this with Mr Gawthorpe.

The total cost of the trip is £25.00, this will appear on ParentMail. Please can you make sure this is paid before the expedition. Could I also please ask that anybody who is yet to pay the initial signing on fee does so before this date else participation will not be permitted.

As always if you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



Mr N Gawthorpe
DofE Co-ordinator