



7th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition – Updated Arrangements

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Firstly, I would like to apologise for having to cancel the previous Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition. This was not a decision we took lightly; however, due to the extremely hot temperatures and the lack of shade available along the route, we felt that postponing the expedition was the safest option for our students.

We have now made the decision to run the **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th October 2026.**

The expedition will still take place **in and around the Danbury area**, with the following arrangements:

Saturday 3rd October 2026

Meeting Point:

Boreham Village Hall
Main Road
Boreham, Chelmsford
CM3 3JD

Meeting Time: 10:00am

Overnight Accommodation

Essex Outdoors Danbury
Well Lane
Danbury, Essex
CM3 4AB

Sunday 4th October 2026

Collection Point:

Purleigh Village Hall
The Glebe
Purleigh, Chelmsford
CM3 6PB

Collection Time: Approximately **2:00–4:00pm**

The collection time is an estimate, as this will depend on how quickly the students complete their expedition. We will contact you by phone when your son/daughter is approaching the end of their walk, so that you have plenty of notice to make your way to the collection point.

Expedition Cost

For students who **paid for the previous expedition**, your payment will automatically be **transferred to the new expedition date**. Please provide consent via Arbor under trips.

For students who have **not yet paid**, the cost of the expedition is **£14**.

Preparation Sessions

To ensure that students are fully prepared for the expedition, I would like to meet with them at **Passmores Academy from 3:30–4:30pm** on the following dates:

- **Monday 14th September** – eDofE support and sign-off. Map preparation for the expedition.
- **Monday 21st September** – Map preparation for the expedition
- **Monday 28th September** – Expedition kit handout and final preparations

It is important that students attend these sessions, as they will provide an opportunity to complete any outstanding eDofE requirements, prepare their routes and maps, and ensure that they have everything they need for the expedition.

Thank you for your patience and understanding following the postponement of the previous expedition. We appreciate your support and are looking forward to getting the students out on their Bronze expedition in October.

If you have any questions regarding the new arrangements, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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