



17th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition

Your son/daughter has volunteered to attend the Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition on Friday 17th May to Sunday 19th May 2024. This is a great opportunity which should not be missed and needs to be completed in order for your son/daughter to take part in their assessment expedition. Please read below for the essential information.

Meeting Place Friday 17th May: Passmores school.

Departure Time: 2.00pm. Students should plan to cook a meal at the campsite in the evening.

Accommodation: Friday evening - Southdown Way Caravan & Camping Park, Southdown Farm, Lodge Lane, Keymer, Hassocks, West Sussex, BN6 8LX. Saturday evening - Parkwood Scout Camp, Poynings Rd, Poynings, Brighton, BN45 7BA.

Agenda on arrival: Students will set up camp, cook evening meals and then walk over the Saturday and Sunday across the Brighton and Hove area in the South Downs.

Collection Address Sunday 19th May: Passmores school.

Collection time: Estimated time of 5pm; however, a phone call will be made once on the way home.

Price: £40 to be paid by Friday 10th May 2024.

Mobile phones: Students are not permitted to use their mobile phones whilst on expedition. Students will be given a phone to use in case of emergencies. If your son/daughter wishes to bring their mobile phones, they can hand them into a member of staff on the Friday when we arrive at camp. The phone will then be returned to them once they have completed their expedition on the Sunday.

IMPORTANT KIT INFORMATION:

It is absolutely essential that all kit is returned in the condition it was given out in. Tents must be dried out and cleaned, if this is not carried out it will result in them becoming mouldy, and therefore ruined. Trangia's must be cleaned by hand and dried properly. **PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A CHARGE FOR ANY KIT THAT HAS NOT BEEN CLEANED AND RETURNED IN THE CORRECT CONDITION.**

If you have any questions, please contact me on: a.silva@passmoresacademy.com.

Yours sincerely,

Aislinn Silva
Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator

Duke of Edinburgh Kit List:

Listed below are the items that each student will need to individually own for the expeditions:

Sleeping bag (an adult lightweight camping style one)

Walking boots (it is recommended that these are purchased soon as students will need to get use to walking in them)

Sleeping mat

Waterproofs (jacket and trousers)

Water bottle

Plate/bowl/cup

Cutlery

T-shirts/polo shirts x 3

Fleece (cotton hoodies are not an alternative)

Trousers x 2 (leggings are acceptable)

Socks x 3

Underwear

Lunch x 2, Dinner x 2, Breakfast x 2 & snacks for throughout both days (students will be informed of suitable food)

First Aid kit (students will be informed of a suitable first aid kit)

Sun cream

Woolly hat/gloves

Matches

Toilet roll

Emergency food/rations (students will be advised on this)

Toiletries

Torch

Watch

Pen/Pencil

Bin bags x 2

What Passmores will supply:

Tents

Rucksacks

Maps

Fuel

Trangia