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Dear parent and carers

FIRST AID TRAINING SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH

I would like to draw your attention to an upcoming date and provide further information regarding the expeditions.

On Wednesday 13 March we have an external first aid trainer coming to the school to deliver expedition first aid training. For the Silver participants this will be a refresher course but their attendance is expected. The session will run from 3.45pm until **6pm**. As you are aware, the Silver practice and qualifying expeditions are approaching, and I would like to share some details with you.

Practice Expedition to the Peak District (8-11 April)

We will be leaving the school at 2pm on Monday 8 April, from the sixth form car park. The pupils will need to bring their full kit for the three days, including their food. They will be able to fill water bottles before setting out on the Tuesday morning. They will also be provided with an emergency phone, fuel, fuel bottles, high-vis vests and survival bags before they start the expedition. We will travel by minibus (driven by myself, Mr McEwen (school governor), and Ms Banns (from Benjamin Britten School) to the youth hostel at Youlgreave, DE45 1UR, where we will provide a cooked evening meal. The pupils will set off on the Tuesday morning and the group will be accompanied by either Mrs Smith, Mr Jenner or Dr Thurston. They will camp on the Tuesday night at Haddon Grove Farm, Bakewell, DE45 1JF and on the Wednesday night at Hulme End Campsite, Buxton, SK17 0EX.

We will return to school late on the Thursday evening, and your child will be in contact when we are on the way home to confirm a collection time. If your child wishes to bring an overnight bag for the Monday stay in the youth hostel, that is fine and it can be kept on the minibus for the rest of the weekend. Mobile phones are to be kept on the minibus for the duration of the expedition.

Qualifying Expedition to the Yorkshire Dales (11-14 July)

We will be leaving the school at 1pm on Thursday 11 July, with the same arrangements as for the practice weekend. We will be taking the minibus for the journey, driven by myself and two further members of staff, and we will be joined by an external DofE assessor. Accommodation on the



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Thursday night is the Three Beaks Bunkroom at Settle, North Yorkshire, BD24 0HB, which is a series of 6-8 person rooms. Students are again invited to bring an overnight bag. The pupils will walk unaccompanied, but are met at various checkpoints by myself, and the assessor. They will camp on the Friday night at Riverside camp site, Malham, BD23 4DE, and on the Saturday night at Bell Bank Farm, Skirethorns. We will be returning late on the Sunday, and again, your child will be in contact with an eta.

The pupils have been reminded of the standards of conduct expected by the school while on any trip, and any instance where these standards are not met will result in a phone call home and the pupil being collected from the expedition. This will mean that they will be unable to complete the expedition, a requirement for completion of the award.

Costs

The cost of these two expeditions is £120, a large percentage of which covers the bunk houses, pitch fees, travel and the external first aid trainer. Payment, together with a completed consent form to cover both weekends is due by **Friday 1 March**.

Please pay via ParentPay where possible or make cheques payable to 'Hartismere School; and write the pupil name on the reverse of the cheque and post in a clearly marked envelope to the postboxes in school together with the completed medical form (attached).

May I also take this opportunity to remind the pupils and yourselves that the evidence (assessors' reports, activity logs, photos etc.) should be uploaded to edofe as soon as possible after the qualifying expedition.

Yours faithfully



Dr Neil Sparshott
Duke of Edinburgh Manager



PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

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NAME OF CHILD _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

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SCHOOL _____

VISIT(S) TO Silver DofE

DATE(S) OF VISIT(S) 8-11 April 11-14 July

I have received and read details of the above visit(s).

I consent to my child taking part in the visit(s) and the activities indicated. I acknowledge that the staff will be liable in the event of any accident only if they have failed to take reasonable care of my child during the visit.

I have read any information provided with regard to the standard of behaviour and/or code of conduct expected during the visit and I undertake to reinforce this information with my child.

I consent to my child receiving medical treatment that, in the opinion of a qualified medical practitioner, may be necessary.

My child's doctor's name and address is _____

I undertake to pay the required sums by whatever date(s) are specified to me and accept that, in respect of any withdrawal from the visit for whatever reasons, there will be no refund of the whole or part of the payment(s) made unless the circumstances are covered by travel insurance or otherwise at the discretion of the school governors.

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECTIONS BELOW

1. Please give your home address and telephone number. If you will be away from home during the visit please give an alternative address where you, or a relative or friend acting for you, can be contacted.

Home Address

Alternative Contact if required

Name: _____
Address: _____

Tel: _____

Tel: _____

I understand that this number may be used as part of a telephone tree, therefore published to other parents

2. In your child's interest, it is important that the organising staff should know whether he or she suffers from any ***illness or medical condition***. Please use this space to state, in confidence, any health or other matter concerning your child of which accompanying staff should be aware. Please indicate here also if your child is receiving medication, with details and dosage, and/or has any ***specific dietary requirements***.

Medical Conditions

Dietary Requirements
