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Dear parent or carer

FIRST AID TRAINING SILVER

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

On **Wednesday 2 April** 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 **3.45 pm until 6 pm**.

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 (14-17 April)

We will be leaving the school at 2pm on Monday 14 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 and Dr Thurston) to the bunkhouse in Matlock, DE4 2BL, where we will provide a cooked evening meal. The bunkhouse consists of two open dormitory rooms where there will be one male and one female member of staff. The pupils will set off on the Tuesday morning and the group will be accompanied by either Ms Bishop or Ms Atkins. 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 bunkhouse, 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 (17-20 July)

We will be leaving the school at 1pm on Thursday 17 July, with the same arrangements as for the practice weekend. We will be taking the minibus for the journey, driven by myself and one further member of staff, and we will be joined by an external DofE assessor. Accommodation on the



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Thursday night is the Three Peaks 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 met at various checkpoints by myself, and the assessor. They will camp on the Friday night at Riverside campsite, 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 while no problems are foreseen, 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 have been unable to complete the expedition, a requirement for completion of the award.

Costs

The cost of these two expeditions is £140, a large percentage of which covers the bunkhouses, pitch fees, travel and the external first aid trainer. Payment, together with a completed consent form to cover both weekends is due **by Tuesday 1 April**. Parents of year 10 students who have been paying towards the £170 enrolment, please ensure that this is paid in full by the above date. The costs for bronze and silver are equal.

Payment can be made via ParentPay (our preferred method of payment) or cheque, made payable to 'Hartismere School' and write the pupil name on the reverse and returned to the post box outside pupil services or in the maths corridor, 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 prior to the qualifying expedition in July, unless they are a direct entrant in which case as soon as possible please.

Yours faithfully

Dr Neil Sparshott
Duke of Edinburgh Manager