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Dear parents or carers

BRONZE DOFE PRACTICE EXPEDITION

The Bronze Practice Expedition is the middle of June (14/15 June) and I wanted to share some final details with you.

We will be meeting at the Aldeburgh Scallop car park (Thorpe Road IP15 5BH) at 9.30am on the Saturday and hoping for an immediate start. The pupils will be expected to have their full kit with them, and will be issued with emergency phones, fuel bottles, compasses, mallets and survival bag when they arrive at the car park. Pupils are reminded that mobile phones and iPods (or similar) are not allowed on the Expedition.

Each group will have an accompanying member of staff walking with them for the Saturday who will be assessing the pupils on various aspects of the expedition, as well as monitoring how well the group works together. Providing that the member of staff is happy with their group's level of competence and conduct they will then be walking unaccompanied on the Sunday.

We will be camping at the Eastbridge Farm public campsite on the Saturday night (Leiston IP16 4SN). The end point for the expedition on the Sunday is the Dunwich beach car park (Beach road, IP173DR) and the pupils will be ready for collection at 3.30pm.

The group's route cards are due in by 4 June. This deadline is absolute and any group failing to hand in their route card on (or before) this date will not be able to continue with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. While there are opportunities to work on their routes cards as part of the training schedule, they do need to take responsibility for completing these and working as a group. If any group needs help to complete their route card I am more than willing to offer my assistance.

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 practice, a requirement for completion of the award.

May I also take this opportunity to remind both parents, carers and the pupils that the Volunteering, Skills and Physical sections need to be completed and uploaded to eDofe prior to 13 September and the Qualifying Expedition.

Yours faithfully

Dr Sparshott



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