

June 2019

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Having successfully completed a practice expedition for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, your son/daughter will be undertaking their final assessed expedition on

The final expedition will take place around the Blackdown Hills and Culm Valley area, including camping overnight at an official campsite. DofE supervisors and coordinators will see each team at least twice during the day and visit the campsites to oversee the pitching of tents and to ensure all participants cook a meal. The DofE team are contactable by phone overnight.

Please note once again that **personal mobile phones are not allowed on the expedition**. We realise this can be a challenge for parents as well as participants but appreciate your help in supporting the aims of the expedition to nurture confidence, independence and a sense of adventure. **If participants are found using personal mobile phones during the expedition it can result in the individual or team failing the expedition.** Each team will be provided with a phone for communication with the DofE team and for emergency use. If you need to contact your son/daughter or a member of staff during the expedition, please ring Mrs Purrington - 07856 366124, Mr Harbour - 07856 366294 or in an emergency Mrs Alford - 07525 236510.

Your son/daughter will need to be dropped off at the Blackdown Healthy Living Centre, Lower Millhayes, Hemyock, EX15 3SH at 10:00am on the Saturday (date as above) and collected from the same location at 2:30pm on the Sunday (date as above).

It is important that participants plan their equipment, clothing and food requirements and arrive fully prepared for the expedition as this will form part of the assessment. Tents, rucksacks and Trangias are available to borrow from school: we ask for a £20 deposit per item. We can also provide cooking gas for a small cost. Requests for these items should be made through Mrs Cross by the Tuesday before the expedition date and can be collected on the Thursday.

We know many participants are also making excellent progress towards completing their Volunteering, Skill and Physical sections of the Award and appreciate your continued support in encouraging them to do so. Once these sections are complete, participants must ask their assessor to submit an Assessor's Report online, or by completing the report card in the DofE pack, this must then be uploaded to their eDofE account. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at DofE@uffculmeschool.net

Yours sincerely



Mr Harbour
DofE Coordinators



Mrs Purrington