



11th January 2021

Dear parents/carers and Year 10 Bronze DofE students,

Re. Rescheduled Bronze DofE Training and Assessment Expedition- Summer 2021

We are still optimistic that the rescheduled Bronze DofE Training and assessment expeditions will take place this summer and remain committed to enable students to complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Awards at St Laurence School. I am writing to confirm the calendar dates that the training and expeditions will take place. Please ensure that you make a note of the dates below.

Both the training and expeditions are organised and run by instructors from the company Wild Company Consultants. St Laurence School staff will also be present in a supervisory capacity.

Expedition Training Weekend at St Laurence School- Saturday 8th May and Sunday 9th May 2021.

The training weekend will consist of an 'outdoor' and an 'indoor' day. During the 'outdoor day', each DofE team will work with an instructor from Wild Country Consultants and they will complete a day walk, using footpaths in the local area, whilst receiving training in navigation, on how to safely use stoves to cook a hot meal, practice putting up tents and rehearse emergency scenarios. As part of the 'indoor' day, the teams will plan their routes for the assessment expedition, plan their expedition food menu, plan the clothing and equipment they will need and learn how to pack an expedition rucksack. *Please note that there is no overnight camp as part of the training weekend.*

Assessment Expedition in the Mendip Hills- Friday 18th to Saturday 19th June 2021.

The aim of the assessment expedition is that the DofE teams will walk independently, following their planned routes and will be met by instructors at various check points along the way. They will camp overnight on Friday 18th June and demonstrate skills in campcraft and cook a hot meal.

Please note that parents are asked to provide the transport for both the training and assessment weekends

We will write to you nearer the time with more detailed information including timings, drop off/pick up locations etc.

Covid-19 Risk Mitigation

As this is an ever-changing situation, we will revisit the guidance nearer the time and write with an update to let you know what, if any, changes we will make in order to make the training and expedition safe for students and staff alike. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award are continually making changes to the expedition criteria in order for the award to remain achievable whilst adhering to Covid-19 guidance.

In order to help ensure your son/daughter has the correct clothing and equipment for this expedition, the second page of this letter is a 'kit list' please also take time to look through this list in advance.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you do have any questions.

Kind regards,

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St Laurence School DofE Expedition Kit List

Clothing	Got it	Packed it
1 pair of walking boots (broken in)		
2 pairs of walking socks		
Waterproof jacket		
Waterproof over trousers		
2 fleece tops		
1 or 2 t shirts (thermal optional)		
Walking trousers (NOT jeans)		
1 pair of shorts		
Underwear		
Nightwear		
Flip flops (optional for campsite use)		
Warm hat		
Sun hat		
Gloves		
Personal kit		
Rucksack (approx. 60 Litres)		
Rucksack liner (or bin liner)		
Sleeping bag		
Sleeping mat		
Whistle		
Torch or headtorch		
Personal first aid kit		
Expedition food		
Water bottle (2 Litres)		
Cutlery		
Plate/bowl		
Mug		
Box of matches (in waterproof container)		
Wash kit		
Sunblock		
Watch		
Kit to be supplied by Wild Country Consultants		
Tents		
Stoves and fuel		
Maps		
Compasses		



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