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11 May 2018

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

**Trip No: 4118 - Optional Residential UK Trip Out of School Time – Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Qualifying Expedition from 8 – 10 June 2018 – Year 10 (Named Students Only)**

I am writing to advise that now the Year 10 students that have successfully completed their training and practice expedition they are invited to move forward in the Duke of Edinburgh award process and complete their Bronze Qualifying expedition. Students should also ensure that they have completed all other sections of the Bronze award (Skill, Physical and Volunteering) before completing the Qualifying expedition. If you have any concerns regarding this completion, students should speak to a Duke of Edinburgh co-ordinator. If at least two out of the three sections are not complete then students will be unable to participate in the expedition.

The Bronze qualifier expedition takes place over two nights and two and a half days in the New Forest.

Careful consideration should be given as to whether pupils will be able to complete this activity. The qualifier expedition will take place from Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> June. The cost will be **£72.00** which includes all transport, insurance, camping fees and fuel. Some equipment will also be available to borrow.

Students will be leaving school on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June at 12:45. After travelling via coach to the New Forest, students will set up camp and recap on navigation / camp craft exercises before the expedition begins.

The expedition will start on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> June at 08:00. Students will be walking from the first campsite (Holmsley) to the second campsite (Pondhead), camp overnight and then walk to the final collection point on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> June. The coach will be collecting students and returning to school for approximately 17:30.

Students should be fully / appropriately equipped for the expedition and will be required to bring all food for the weekend with them on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Students may attend school on Friday in their expedition clothes.

Please note that there will be a three-hour long session for all students after school on **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018** for students to plan their routes. It is **essential** that they all attend this session.

### Qualifier Expedition Itinerary

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>
<b>Route</b>	Students may drop their kit in 602 after 08:30. Students will be leaving school by coach at 12:45. They should meet at room 602 at 12:30 to collect their kit and complete a final kit check. Students should bring lunch with them. They will travel to the campsite, carry out navigation tasks and camp overnight. The expedition will begin on Saturday morning where students will walk to Pondhead campsite and camp overnight. They will then walk from the campsite to the finish point on Sunday
<b>Campsites</b>	Friday: Holmsley, Christchurch, BH23 7EQ. Saturday: Pondhead, Lyndhurst, SO43 7FZ
<b>Finish</b>	Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> June at approximately 17:30 at The John Warner School
<b>Route Planning</b>	<b>Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018</b> at 15:30 in the media suite
<b>Packing</b>	Meeting outside D of E cupboard Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June to collect equipment. Equipment should then be packed and brought into school on Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2018. The kit check will take place afterschool on Thursday from 15:30-16:30.
<b>Food</b>	Meals needed for: Friday: Lunch (on coach) and Dinner Saturday: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Sunday: Breakfast and Lunch
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>£72.00</b> Expedition fee to be paid by <b>Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>

### Other Important Information

Whilst on expedition, your child is expected to follow both school rules and the guidelines set out by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. If pupil's behaviour is deemed unacceptable or they fail to meet the award requirements then their expedition will be ended early and you will be required to collect them.

Any valuables brought on the expedition are the responsibility of the pupil, this includes mobile phones. They are also expected to take good care of the equipment they are lent by school. Damages through misuse or lack of due care will be charged for.

It is very important that whilst pupils are on expedition they do not contact home. Pupils are permitted to carry mobile phones with them on expedition for health and safety purposes. These should only be used in an emergency and will be sealed in a non-see through bag to remove temptation. If a pupil has a problem they should contact the expedition staff, or in exceptional circumstances the emergency services, who can directly deal with any situations as they arise. Staff will then notify parents as and when necessary. As organisers we very much appreciate your support in discouraging your child to phone you if they need help.

Following the successful completion of this qualifier expedition and the other sections in the award, students are then eligible to go on the Silver Award in Year 11. Please note that the practice Silver expedition will be in October 2018.

### **Further Bronze Award sections**

To go on to complete the award, students need to have evidence collected that they have spent the required time on three sections, Volunteering, Physical and Skill. Pupils will not complete the award unless these sections are completed.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the expedition or other sections of the award, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

As this optional trip is residential, we require you to complete the attached Medical Consent Form.

If you would like your child to go on this optional trip, please return the slip at the bottom of this letter, together with your payment in an envelope by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

If you would like your child to go on this optional trip, [please follow this link to complete the consent and payment form](#) (*website: Home/Parents/Forms*) or return the slip attached to this letter indicating your preferred method of payment, by Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Please note that all trips will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis, places will not be confirmed until your payment is received; we therefore recommend that you respond as soon as possible. All cancellations must be provided in writing to the Finance Office. Once a place is confirmed, you will be liable for all costs incurred by the school up to the point of cancellation.

Please be aware that the school reserve the right to refuse a place on this trip for any pupil whose attendance falls below the acceptable level and/or their behaviour has been a cause for concern. In line with our School Trips Policy, if there is a need to contact your child while they are out of school, please phone Mrs Georgette Knights on 07741559124 or Mr Oliver Price on 07741559129.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs L Kite**  
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

**Mrs G Knights**  
Assistant Head: Director of Finance &  
Resources

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## Reply Slip

**Trip No: 4118 - Optional Residential UK Trip Out of School Time – Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Qualifying Expedition from 8 – 10 June 2018 – Year 10 (Named Students Only) (LAK)**

If you wish to complete this reply slip electronically, then please complete the [consent and payment form](#) available to download from the school's website

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child suffer from any medical conditions?  Yes  No

Will this medical condition affect them taking part in the activities?  Yes  No

If yes, please give details including treatment that they currently receive for this/these medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enter any known allergies to drugs, medicines or food and/or special dietary requirements:

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Has your child been immunised against tetanus?  Yes  No

**Please provide us with two emergency contact numbers:**

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

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**For overseas visits only, please confirm that you have included:**

Copy of Passport included  Yes  No

Copy EHIC included  Yes  No

### **Declaration**

I agree to my child taking part in the above mentioned visit and to their participation in the activities to be undertaken during the day. I support the need for obedience and responsible behaviour on their part.

To the best of my knowledge, my child is not suffering from any medical condition that makes them unfit to participate in this visit. I agree to my child receiving medical treatment as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.

**Payment Method – £72.00**

- Wise Pay (via Internet)** Preferred payment method. If Wise Pay is showing that the trip is full, please contact the Finance Department in the first instance.
- Debit or Credit Card.** If you wish to pay by Debit or Credit card directly rather than through Wise Pay, then please call the school 01992 462889 and ask to be transferred to the Finance Department.
- Cheque.** If paying by cheque, please ask your child to hand payments directly to the finance office. Cheques should be made payable to The John Warner School.

All outstanding payments must be with the school a minimum of four weeks prior to the start date of the trip unless an earlier payment date is stated on the original letter.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Carer