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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Assessed Expedition
Thursday 30th June – Wednesday 6th July 2022

In light of the now confirmed dates, I wanted to inform you that The Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award groups will be going to the Lake District National Park to complete their assessed expedition. The timings will be confirmed closer to the time, but the aim is to return in the evening of the Weds 6th July.

Students will be walking in groups, carrying all their kit, and monitored and remotely supervised by TBSHS staff. This assessed expedition must be completed independently with only remote supervision. The groups will be camping at sites with facilities, except when they will be camping wild at an agreed location - the students will be checked on in camp by staff. Staff will be staying nearby.

The itinerary will be as follows:

- Thursday:** Meet at school at **time TBS**, and then travel to Keswick, Cumbria. Set up camp.
- Fri - Sat:** Acclimatisation and some navigation exercises, final check of kit. Meet with assessor for pre-expedition check.
- Sun - Weds:** Complete their planned expedition, carrying all their kit and food. They will be camping in the tents they carry, including wild camps. They will finish a little earlier on the final day ready for the journey home. Students will communicate (hopefully) an ETA during the return journey.

The cost for the expedition in 2019 was £125. This covered transport, accommodation for students and staff, fuel, and insurance. This cost is significantly lower than similar trips booked through external providers or for schools without staff who are qualified Mountain Leaders, who can often charge as much as £300-£400. I will send a new letter in March with the up to date cost and details.

A copy of the kit list is attached. Please note that rucksacks, sleeping mats and tents can be borrowed from school, and that stoves and fuel **MUST** be borrowed from school. The groups will have planned their menus and will need to bring all the food for the trip themselves. There will be opportunity to pick up last minute items in Keswick on the Saturday should anything be forgotten or deemed not suitable during the final kit check. We will stop at services on the way to and from the Lake District, and this is a long journey, so students will need packed tea or money to buy a meal en route for the outward journey, and non-perishable food or money to buy food on the return journey. A McDonalds on the way home is often something the groups really look forward to for some reason!

The School reserves the right to withdraw a student from the trip if their behaviour in school or on the trip means that they could not be trusted or would be likely to undermine the safety or success of the trip for others. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us on the School phone number or by email on dofe@tbshs.org.

Yours sincerely

Miss Paula Hughes



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