

29th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers/Participants

SILVER AWARD – Peters Green PRACTICE EXPEDITION FOR YEAR 11

We have organised a zoom information evening on Wednesday 28th February between 6-7pm, for Year 11 parents/carers and participants to go through the details of the Practice Expedition in April. The link will be sent out for this at a later date. The following is, however, the main information required to sign up for this expedition.

For the expeditions, students will need to have a pair of walking boots but we can provide tents, rucksacks, sleeping mats, cooking stoves, map cases and may have other miscellaneous items. Other kit such as sleeping bags and waterproofs can often be borrowed from friends and family to keep the cost of the expeditions from becoming too onerous.

The DofE kit list can be found at: <https://www.dofe.org/shopping/dofe-expedition-kit-list/>

Your child will need an **INDIVIDUAL FIRST AID KIT** containing the following:

Blister kit	An individually wrapped triangular bandage
Plasters- strips are best	Any prescription medication
Paracetamol & Ibuprofen - unless allergic	Small first aid kits available from many places
Small scissors	2-3 individually wrapped antiseptic wipes

SAFETY They will also require an item of high viz equipment; e.g; a hat, headband, buff, arm/leg bands or tabard that can go over their rucksack

Year 10 Practice Expedition: Students should know their team numbers . There will be a copy on Google classroom for reference.

Group A teams 1-8: 30th March-1st April

Group B teams 9-15: 2nd April- 4th April

Anyone who is unable to attend the practice MUST contact Mrs LA Wallis so we can look at external providers for you.

The cost for the practice expedition is expected to be approximately £190 per participant. These costs, in accordance with the Governors' policy on charging for trips, must be met by voluntary contributions. **If you wish to sign your son/daughter up for the expedition, please submit your Operoo response below and pay the deposit of £90 via Parentpay, no later than 15th December 2023.**

The total price covers our expedition providers costs, camping fees for the 3-day 2-night expeditions, support costs e.g; cooking fuel, equipment hire/wear and tear. We will also be providing two Ordnance Survey maps per team per expedition.

We do not want the cost of expeditions to be a barrier. We work closely with James Marshall Foundation who can offer funding grants to help towards the cost of the expeditions, for families on a low income. You can apply online at <https://www.jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk/apply-for-funding.html>. Alternatively, please contact one of the team, or Miss Manton in the finance office to discuss a payment plan no later than 8th December 2023.

The balance payment of a further £100 will be due by 9th February 2024

General

Please speak to your child about where they have got to with their Volunteering, Skills and Physical activities within their eDofE accounts. If they have not been undertaking their activities then you may want to consider whether they come on expedition.

Please note that if your son/daughter secures a place but then decides to withdraw from the trip, you must notify us immediately in writing as you will be liable for any cancellation costs incurred unless a replacement is found.

Best regards,

LA. Wallis
DofE Coordinator

J. Thomson
Expedition Supervisor

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Expedition Supervisor