

Dear parents,

I am pleased to report that the vast majority of students do have all three activities of volunteering, physical and skill underway and a number are now completing these and get them signed off. However, I am concerned that a number of students are still lagging behind. With less than seven months before the Practice Expedition at the end of April 2018, it will be difficult in some cases for students to complete all three activities by that date.

In most cases it is simply a question of submitting their draft activities for my approval. It is important that they do this rather than just go ahead and hope it will be okay. I have already had to advise two students belatedly that their proposed activities do not meet the DofE guidelines and they have therefore had to start again. In some cases however, students do not appear to have started some activities.

I am attaching a pdf file showing part of the records of students. All should have a minimum of three arrows at this stage and should be starting to get some of them signed off by their assessor and approved by me - hence green.

If you are receiving this e-mail it is because your son is one of those who is lagging behind. In order to avoid any disappointment I am running a session after school next week on October 11th from 3.30- 4.30pm in C1 when hopefully all these students can get their details sorted. It is imperative that students attend this unless they manage to get activities signed up before then.

Kind regards

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