



REMINDER Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice Expedition Tomorrow

Dear Parents

Please see below a reminder of the letter sent out earlier this month as well as two additional notes regarding Weather and Contact Numbers.

We had an informative parents' evening from the Gold provider Off Grid Adventures. For those who could not attend please find the link to the recording attached, a copy of the evening PowerPoint slides as well as general information about the expedition:

<https://youtu.be/PA4n2-PWj8E>

[Gold Information PPT 2023](#)

[Walking Expedition Schedule 2023](#)

[Expedition Guide 2023](#)

Summarised important information is below:

Individual equipment hire with STRS- The school has rucksacks, compasses and first aid kits available, these can be hired through me directly in F1 or G3. Please ask your child to email me if they need to hire any of these items. At least one group first aid kit is needed and two compasses so they must discuss this with their team. Hire is via cheque payable to STRS which will not be cashed and returned when equipment is returned undamaged. Costs will be specified to students based on hiring requests.

Group Equipment that is supplied by Off Grid Adventures will be distributed on the day of the expedition at the drop off point- Tent, Trangia Stoves, Maps (2 per group), Emergency Contact details.

Dates to remember:

Practice Expedition: 22-25 July 2023 in the Black Mountains, Wales

Meeting point - 10am: Lamb and Flag pub, Brecon Rd, Abergavenny NP7 7EW

<https://www.lambandflagpubabergavenny.co.uk>

Camp 1: Ty Mawr Farm campsite

Camp 2: Cwmdu Campsite

Camp 3: Pyscodlyn Farm Campsite

End point - approx. 4pm: Foxhunter car park, <https://goo.gl/maps/GTTsN7Va9AS88Q248>

What3Words: ///buddy.sheep.thread

Qualifying Expedition: 31 Aug to 3 Sept 2023 in the Brecon Beacons, Wales

Meeting point - 9am: Blaen y Glyn Uchaf car park - <https://goo.gl/maps/CkrgtqSu3oZqUJp87>

What3 Words: ///fence.golden.riddle

Camp 1: Blaen Glyn Farm

Camp 2: Bryn Bwch Farm

Camp 3: The Grawen Caravan and Campsite

End point - approx. 4pm: Talybont Reservoir Dam car park, <https://goo.gl/maps/wJQLXMC7fQ8GjLG6>

What3Words: ///poem.replays.parsnip

Weather

The weather forecast for the Brecon Beacons looks very wet over the next few days. Please ensure that your child has packed complete waterproofs, that their boots are waterproof and they have a bag liner to put all the kit in, within their rucksack.

Contact Number

If you need to contact STRS in an emergency the trips number is 07367 445 746.

Hopefully, this will answer any queries you have but as always please email me cer@strs.org.uk.

Best wishes

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