# SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

Oakleaze, Gloucester

# Duke of Edinburgh Gold by Foot Practice Expedition Details

# Off Grid Walking Schedule Gold 2024

Digital copies of the Welcome Packs - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (dofe.org)

## Dear Parents,

The DofE Foot students were able to meet earlier today and have been given hard copies of information booklets, team list and the schedule for both Practice and Assessed Expedition, but just in case they lose these please find attached the new digital copies of the DofE welcome packs, Off Grid Adventures (our Gold by Foot provider) Expedition Schedule and their information booklet.

# Off Grid Information Booklet

# Equipment

Individual and Group equipment is listed in the information booklet.

Group Equipment that is supplied by Off Grid Adventures on the day of the Expedition- Tent, Trangia Stoves, Maps, Emergency Contact details.

#### Dates to remember:

Transportation is by parental drop-off and pick-up. Please note the different start times for the practice and qualifying expeditions.

# Gold by Foot Practice Expedition (Black Mountains)-

Practice Expedition: 4-7 April 2024 in the Black Mountains, Wales

Meeting point - 12pm 4th April: Abergavenny Train Station- I have mentioned to the students that if they aim for 11.30am we won't have any delays but by 12pm is fine.

End point: Abergavenny Train Station at approximately 4pm.

# Note:

Address information is accurate with Google Maps. Due to the rural location of venues, postcodes alone will rarely be accurate.

Please consider this when using SatNavs and check locations with Google Maps before.

#### **Emergency Contact Details**

STRS Trips Phone (Mrs Rigby-Smith) - 07367 440 335

#### **Medical Information and Consent**

If any medical conditions on parent gateway change prior to the trip please do update parent gateway. Next week you will receive a notification from EVOLVE requesting consent for your child to attend the expedition, please do ensure you complete this upon receipt to avoid chaser emails.

#### eDofE Sections

At this point your child should have all sections should be in progress (If you child has not entered information on the eDofE app and submitted it for approve it will not be in progress- please get them to check). In order to get a section marked off as completed their assessor must summit an assessors report. Their assessor will need the following information:

- ID number (this is on the eDofE account)
- Level of Award (Gold)
- Section they are assessing (Volunteering, Physical or Skill)

- Timescale (6 months, 12 months or potentially 18 months at Gold if direct)

They will need to submit their report via this link: Assessor's Report - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (dofe.org)

## Please remember parents/caregivers/relatives and under 18s cannot be assessors.

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

I look forward to seeing the students at Abergavenny train station at 12pm on Thursday 4 April.

Best wishes

Mrs Rigby-Smith

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