



Reminder- D of E Silver ORANGE Mixed Mode Qualifying Expedition 25- 27 May

[Ocean Rock Parents Information Evening PPT](#)

Dear Parents

Following a successful practice expedition their qualifier is nearly upon us. Please find below important information in preparation for the upcoming expedition as well as the Information Evening PPT with Ocean Rock directed at Bronze, Silver and Gold reminding your child of appropriate food and clothing choices.

Change of Mode-

As students have done a mixed mode practice they will be doing the same for the assessed however this will be minimal walking to meet DofE criteria so they will still be doing Paddling in the original location which was organised, see below.

Hired Equipment-

If your child hired personal equipment through Ocean Rock this will be given to your child at the start point.

*Group Equipment that Ocean Rock supplies on the day of the Qualifying Expedition - Tent, Trangia Stoves, Maps (2 per group), **Ocean Rock Emergency Contact Details.***

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

Dates to remember:

Qualifying Expedition Transportation is by parental drop off and pick up. Day 1- Saturday 25th May 2024

Meet point: Byecross Farm, Preston-on-Wye, Hereford, Herefordshire. HR2 9L

Google Maps Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/mbnWgSYt8VWVQMmA6>

What3words: intrest.perfumes.promote

Meet time: ALL TEAMS 9.00am

Campsite 1: Hereford Rowing Club, 37 Greyfriars Ave, Hereford HR4 0BE

Campsite 2: Tresseck Campsite, Hoarwithy, Hereford, Herefordshire. HR2 6QH

Day 3- Monday 27th May 2024

End point: Ross-on-Wye Rowing Club, Rope Walk, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire. HR9 7DD

Google Maps Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ofcRiuf8xvV1aZka8>

What3words: scatters.class.gather

Pick up time: ALL TEAMS 2.00pm

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.

Teams

Teams lists are on Satchel One. If students have any queries about this please email me.

eDofE Sections

At this point, your child should have completed at least one section of their award and all sections should be in progress (If your child has not entered information on the eDofE app and submitted it for approval it will not be in progress- please get them to check). In order to get a section marked off as completed their assessor must submit an assessor's report. Their assessor will need the following information:

- ID number (this is on the eDofE account)
- Level of Award (Bronze, Silver or Gold)
- Section they are assessing (Volunteering, Physical or Skill)
- Timescale (3 months or 6 months at Bronze and Silver, 12 or potential 18 months at Gold)

They will need to submit their report via this link: [Assessor's Report - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](https://www.dofe.org/assessor-report)

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

STRS Kit Return-

Please can your child bring any equipment they borrowed from STRS into school on Wednesday 4th June and go to F1 at lunchtime 1.30pm to return their equipment and pick up their cheque or money. They must not just leave it in F1 as we need to know which group the equipment belongs to.

Medications-

Please ensure your child has all medications mentioned on Parent Gateway and the Medical Consent with them ready to show Ocean Rock staff at the start point as they will not be allowed to be participant until they have any declared medication with them.

Consent-

Shortly you will receive a request for consent email from our EVOLVE trips systems. Please respond to that as soon as possible to avoid chaser email and phone calls prior to the expedition.

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

Best wishes

Mrs Rigby-Smith

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