

20th February 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers

BRONZE PRACTICE EXPEDITIONS 2024

Please find below the details for both of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expeditions. I have included the drop off point, pick up point and times as well as the campsites for each evening. This is to help in the case of any pupil needing to be removed from the expedition for any reason.

Student is in **Cohort: X**.

- In the case of any medical emergencies, these will be assessed by the trained first aiders from BXM expeditions with each group.
- In the unlikely event that pupils need to be taken to an accident and emergency unit this will be at the Great Western Hospital in Swindon.
- There will be a rota of staff (including myself) who will be in close support of the pupils including overnight at the campsites.
- A mobile phone number will be sent out to parents and carers in the case that you need to contact a member of staff during the weekend for any reason.
- All pupils are issued with a wrist band including an emergency number that goes directly to a STJ Staff Duty phone.
- Pupils Mobile Phones. We allow pupils to bring a mobile phone for use in emergencies. However, while walking and on campsites mobile phones should be switched off and kept in the pupils' bags, a waterproof case or bag is also recommended.
- The school accepts no responsibility for any damage or loss of mobile phones or other electronic devices.
- Normal school behaviour policies apply regarding alcohol, tobacco products, vapes or e-cigarettes, drugs and related paraphernalia. Possession of the above, will result in immediate removal from the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and referral to the Head of Year and SLT.
- Camping and walking equipment. The AAP, BXM Expeditions, provide tents, maps, stoves and gas for each group. Pupils will need to bring their own personal cooking equipment. This may include a small Swiss Army or Leatherman style penknife.

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Below are the Details for Cohort A.

Practice Expedition 9th – 10th March 2024

Drop Off Point

Bibury Lay-by, GL7 5NT

(Please note the Lay-by is approximately halfway along Salt Way between Bibury and Coln St Aldwins)

Drop Off Time – Saturday 9th March

09:30. The groups will begin leaving the drop off point at 10:00

Campsite

Far peak Camping, Northleach, GL 54 3JL

Pick Up Point

Bibury Lay-by, GL7 5NT

Pick Up Time – Sunday 10th March

15:00 (ETA of walking groups)

Below are the Details for Cohort B.

Practice Expedition 16th – 17th March 2024

Drop Off Point

Bibury Lay-by, GL7 5NT

(Please note the Lay-by is approximately halfway along Salt Way between Bibury and Coln St Aldwins)

Drop Off Time – Saturday 16th March

09:30. The groups will begin leaving the drop off point at 10:00

Campsite

Far peak Camping, Northleach, GL 54 3JL

Pick Up Point

Bibury Lay-by, GL7 5NT

Pick Up Time – Sunday 17th March

15:00 (ETA of walking groups)

Yours sincerely

**Mr C Anderson
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