

13th May 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers

BRONZE AWARD EXPEDITION COHORT A

Please find below the details for the upcoming Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Weekend Expedition on the 1st-2nd June 2024. 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.

- 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 an overlapping 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.
- 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. 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.

Drop Off Point

Pewsey Downs Car Park, Alton Barnes, SN8 4LB

Drop Off Time – Saturday 1st June 2024

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

Campsite

Blackland Lakes, Stockley Lane, Calne, SN11 0NQ

Pick Up Point

Avebury Car Park, 1 Beckhampton, Marlborough, SN8 1QT

Pick Up Time – Sunday 2nd June 2024

14:30-15:00 (ETA of walking groups)

NB: The Pewsey Downs Carpark is very limited; therefore we encourage lift sharing and ask parents to "drop off and go".

Yours faithfully

Mr C Anderson
DofE Manager