

# COLYTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## **BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD: FINAL EXPEDITION PREPARATIONS AND INFORMATION**

I am writing to update you on arrangements for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions that will take place after Easter.

Students will need to be dropped off and picked up at the start and end points for the expeditions, where they will be met by Dynamic Adventures staff to distribute kit and then begin their walks. These locations and timings are the same for both the Group 1 and Group 2 expedition weekends.

For the practice expeditions (Group 1 - 22/23 April, Group 2 - 6/7 May), the start and end point is the car park behind the church in the centre of Newton Poppleford (EX10 OEJ). Students need to arrive by 10am on the Saturday morning, and should be picked up at 3pm on the Sunday afternoon.

For the qualifying expedition (Group 1 - 13/14 May, Group 2 - 20/21 May), the start point is Sidbury car park (EX10 0SN) at 10am on Saturday, and the end point is Offwell Village Hall (EX14 9SE) at 3pm on Sunday.

Students have all been given a medical information and consent form to take home and complete. Please complete this and have students return this to me by the end of the week if possible, or by Wednesday 19 April at the absolute latest. The form can be scanned and emailed in to me if preferred. <http://www.colytongrammar.devon.sch.uk/clubs/doe/doe-resources.htm>

You should already have a copy of the kit list for the expeditions. Students will require this kit for each of the weekends. All tents and cooking equipment will be provided by Dynamic Adventures and students must leave some room in their rucksacks for carrying some group kit. In addition, part of their assessment requires students to be self-sufficient and prepare one cooked meal as a team (usually on the Saturday evening). Therefore, students need to plan their food for the weekend and bring everything they need with them, and I will give them further guidance on this before their expedition. Ideally, they need to bring something light and easy to cook, and therefore pasta is a good choice for this meal.

As always, if you have any questions then please contact me by emailing [BronzeDofE@colytongrammar.devon.sch.uk](mailto:BronzeDofE@colytongrammar.devon.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

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