



28th March 2019

Dear Parent

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD EXPEDITIONS – Bronze Practice**

Your Daughter is now preparing for the first expedition of her Bronze Award. The first Expedition is a Practical Training Expedition, during which they will receive further training in Navigation, Hillcraft, Campcraft, and Safety and Emergency Procedures.

During this expedition the team have the opportunity to practice all of the skills that they have learnt in school. One of these key skills is being able to make decisions for themselves without a Supervisor intervening. During the practice the team may have the opportunity to travel without a supervisor present when they are ready and they will be supervised remotely. This practice expedition take place on 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April.

If your Daughter requires any kit, this will be issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. D of E operates a deposit system due to equipment not being returned in the past. A cheque for £50 is required payable to Gateways Educational Trust. This same cheque will be returned when all kit has come back. **Please note, no kit can be issued without a deposit cheque.**

Participants need to be at school for 07:45 hrs on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, and will return by approximately 16:00 hrs on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Mobile phones are not allowed, please either hand them in to myself at the start or leave them at home or on the minibus. A school phone will be issued for safety purposes to each team.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am in School on Tuesdays, and my number is 07833445016. I can also be contacted by email – [tracy.sockett@gatewaysschool.co.uk](mailto:tracy.sockett@gatewaysschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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