



June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Practice Expedition: Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) Monday 13 July to Wednesday 15 July**

I am writing to provide final details and arrangements for the practice Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition. Please read the details below carefully.

### **Dates and Transport:**

The practice expedition will take place in South Wales from **Monday 13 to Wednesday 15 July** and involves three days walking and a two night overnight camp. We will be travelling by minibus. Please drop your son/daughter off at school on Monday 13 July at **7.15 am** for a prompt 7.30 departure. We should return to school on Wednesday 15 July at approximately 5pm (traffic dependent).

### **Supervision:**

Students will be trained and supervised by Wild County Consultant instructors who are all qualified to Mountain Leader level. The students will be accompanied on the expedition by myself and Mr Davies.

Please could I ask that you read through and sign the Code of Conduct:

[Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions - Code of Conduct 2026 – Fill in form](#)

**Equipment and food:** It is important that your son/daughter is suitably equipped for the expedition. Group kit such as tents, maps, stoves and fuel will be provided by Wild Country Consultants.

All other kit items must be personally provided including, a compass, personal first aid kit and food for the expedition (3x lunches, 2x evening meal, 3x breakfast and any snacks). The group will need to liaise to decide on their menu their menu and agree on who is contributing what. An individual packed lunch will be required on each of the three days. Please avoid foods that could go off. Students should each be carrying a 2-3L of water which will be topped up at checkpoints. I would also recommend that students have a small bottle of hand sanitiser.

### **Ticks**

Wild Country Consultants insist that students wear long trousers throughout the expedition due to the prevalence of ticks and possible risk of Lyme Disease.

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**Mobile phones and contact details:** The team should have TWO mobile phones (ideally on different networks). These must be fully charged, switched off and stored safely in their packs for emergency use only. Please note the school cannot take responsibility for any lost or damaged personal items whilst out on the expedition. Additional mobile phones can be handed in and will be kept on the minibus until the end if necessary. Staff will have phones and contact details provided by you on the Student Essential Information form. It is important that you are available during the duration of the expedition at any time, in case there were a need for you to pick up your son/daughter.

Please complete the Student Essential Information medical form below so that we have the most up to date information about your child (even if there are no issues). If your son/daughter has a medical condition or recent injury that could require some accommodations please provide medical confirmation that they are fit to take part (Wild Country Consultants will ask me for this)

<https://forms.office.com/e/KeX1PKSEMu>

We look forward to a successful practice expedition. Any questions about these arrangements, please contact me at [lgriffiths1@backwellschool.net](mailto:lgriffiths1@backwellschool.net)

Yours sincerely

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