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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: DofE Silver Award Update

We are now well underway with our expedition training after school. The girls are learning a lot of very useful skills, which will help them to successfully navigate their way through each expedition. Please could I remind you that these training sessions are a compulsory requirement to complete the expedition and achieve their Award. They must attend every single session.

The final payment for the expedition is due by **22nd April 2022**. This payment will be for the remaining £100. Thank you if you have already made this payment through sQuid. If you have not yet had the chance to do so, could you please pay it as soon as possible, so that we can pay the expedition provider on time. **If you encounter any problems in using the e-payment system or have any questions regarding making the payment, please contact the School Finance Office on 01628 625068. Please note that all payments are non-refundable and will only be returned if there are insufficient contributions to run the trip or if it is cancelled by the school.**

Most students have now also started their three activities (Physical, Skills and Volunteering). There are a few students who still have not logged their intended activities on eDofE yet. This needs to be done as soon as possible. Each student has been assigned a DofE group leader, who can also help them to decide on an activity, if they are still unsure. Students also need to log into their eDofE accounts regularly to update their evidence for each activity. This will help to ensure we can sign them off and complete their award in a timely manner.

We are now able to confirm the timings for both of the expeditions; please see details below. If you have not done so already, please start organising expedition kit that your daughter will need to take with her. It would be advisable to get the hiking boots, as soon as possible, so that they can be adequately worn in enough before their expedition. Please find the kit list attached to this email.

Practice – *Chiltern Hills. Saturday 9th – Monday 11th July 2022*

You will need to arrange to drop your daughter off at the start point on Saturday and pick her up from the finish point on Monday. We would suggest car sharing as parking is limited.

Start - Handleton Common Car Park, Finnings Road, Lane End. Arrive by 9.00 a.m.

Finish - Burnham Beeches Car Park, Farnham Common (the larger car park to the east of the area). The aim will be for groups to be ready to be picked up by about 3.30 p.m. However, this is subject to change depending on each group.

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Assessment - The South Downs. Thursday 1st - Saturday 3rd September 2022

You will need to drop your daughter at school on Thursday by 7.00 a.m. at the latest. The coach will be leaving at 7.15 a.m. sharp. Please ensure you arrive on time for a prompt departure. We aim to finish at 3.00 p.m. on Monday, which would mean that we would arrive back at school at about 4.45 p.m. This is subject to all groups finishing on time. Please be at school to collect your daughter by 4.45 p.m. We will alert parents and carers via parent mail if there is a delay.

Start - Upperford Copse Car Park, Soberton, Fareham

Finish - Harting Down Car Park, Petersfield

Lastly, for anyone who is interested in learning a bit more about DofE, there are some virtual parent information sessions being run by DofE. Details are on the flyer attached.

If you have any other questions about DofE please email Arlette McNally:
arlettemcnally@newlandsgirls.co.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arlette McNally', written in a cursive style.

Mrs A. McNally
Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager