

21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

### **DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition**



**Etone College**  
www.etonecollege.co.uk

A trip has been arranged for Silver Duke of Edinburgh participants to Derbyshire Peak District on **11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> July 2023**. The purpose of this trip is for the students to complete their qualifying expedition for their Silver DofE award. **Attendance to the expedition training is mandatory** for your child to be able to attend the qualifying expedition. The expedition training will take place on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 9:15-11:30am** at Etone College.

For their qualifying expedition, pupils will be travelling to Derbyshire Peak District by minibus in preparation to walk their planned route departing at 9am on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July and returning at approximately 4pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Arrangements will need to be made for your child to return home safely.

Pupils will be required to wear appropriate walking clothing and footwear as explained in their training and bring all the equipment needed for their overnight expedition (a kit list will be given to the pupils on the training day). They will also need to bring appropriate food for their meals over the three days. Accommodation will be in tents, they will be camping with members of their group on public campsites, staff from Etone College will be on site supervising along with a DofE assessor. Etone College staff will be remotely monitoring pupils for the duration of the trip in accordance to the Duke of Edinburgh regulations.

Pupils will need to arrive at school at **8am on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023** along with all their equipment ready for their expedition. There is no further cost for this trip as fees have already been paid with the DofE enrolment.

Please complete and **return the reply slip overleaf to main school reception by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. The consent slip needs to be completed and returned to school reception, as without this slip, your child will not be allowed to leave on the trip. Please also report any changes to your child's medical form held in school.

**Please note that all places offered on trips are dependent upon current good behaviour and regular attendance. Should your child's behaviour or attendance become a concern at any point prior to the trip your child will be removed from the trip and we would not accept liability for any payments made and no refunds will be issued.**

Additionally, the signed permission slip from yourself agrees that the school reserves the right to send your child home at your expense if your child jeopardizes their own safety, the safety of others or the good name of the school.

Should you have any queries regarding this trip, please contact Miss L Phillips as group leader.

Yours sincerely

**Mr I Smith**  
**Headteacher**

**Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition**

Pupil name: ..... Form: .....

- I give permission for my child to attend the trip to Derbyshire Peak District on 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023. I understand my child will be travelling to the Derbyshire Peak District by minibus and then walking within a group of pupils being remotely supervised by staff from Eton College and will be sleeping overnight in tents. I will make the necessary arrangements for them to travel home safely.
- My child will be attending the expedition training day on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Reply slip to be returned to main school reception by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023



