



Silver DofE Expeditions

Dear Parent / Guardian

Following the recent successful Practice Expeditions, we are pleased that your son/daughter has requested to complete their Qualifying Expedition for the Silver level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

In order to meet the criteria for the Expedition section, students must now undertake a 3 day Qualifying Expedition, in the White Peak area of Derbyshire.

Qualifying Expeditions, 3 days – Derbyshire, White Peak District 1st – 3rd April.

Students will need to be at the Academy by **8am** on **Wednesday** at the rear playground and we estimate returning to the rear playground of Giles Academy at approximately **7pm** on **Friday**.

Thank you for completing the Medical Form and making the £45 contribution. This covered the Qualifying Expedition as well, therefore no further payment is necessary. As with all expeditions, students are responsible for providing their own food, this time for three days.

Students will, no doubt, now be refining their kit and food provisions to be carried. A recommended Kit List is provided to ensure that everyone is adequately prepared. However, given the anticipated weather conditions, each student will be allowed an **additional change of suitable clothing packed in a small bag**. This will be kept in the minibus in the event of being needed to enable them to safely complete the expedition.

Camping stoves and tents will be provided for all students. Waterproof clothing, boots, compass, rucksack and sleeping bag are available to borrow if required.

All of the trips will be led by our own Supervisors and Assessors who are authorised to deliver the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, are experienced in outdoor pursuits and have been running expeditions both in the UK and abroad for many years.

The Academy does not accept responsibility for personal possessions, mobile phones, chargers, cameras etc.

Detailed information, including the Kit List, is available on our website www.gilesacademy.co.uk/Silver-DofE

As mentioned in the recent letter regarding COVID-19, each trip has been individually risk assessed and is under constant review. The expeditions at the current time are going ahead as planned. If, however, the school goes into partial/full closure or the advice from DofE or Public Health England is to stop trips, then the expeditions will have to be postponed. If this situation arises, we will communicate with all parents/guardians.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

Yours faithfully

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DofE Manager

Kit List

Equipment

Boots

3 pairs of thick socks

Walking trousers (not Jeans)

2 shirts

Jumper or fleece

Waterproof coat

Waterproof trousers

Hat and gloves

Spare clothes for evening

Trainers or shoes

Wash kit + Towel

Rucksack

Torch

Compass

Bin liners x 3

Sleeping Bag

Plate or Bowl and cutlery

Matches

Washing up liquid, Tea Towel and Scouring Pad

Drinks bottle (at least 1 litre or equivalent)

Waterproof clothing, boots, compass, rucksack and sleeping bag are available to borrow if required

Meals

Lunch for Day 1

Food to cook for evening meal on Day 1

Food to cook for breakfast on Day 2

Lunch for Day 2

Food to cook for evening meal on Day 2

Food to cook for breakfast on Day 3

Lunch for Day 3

Any snacks and drinks for the duration of the expedition.

It is important that the meals are substantial because of the physical nature of the expeditions and the weather conditions.