

Ref: LD/JP/KB/Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Award Pupils

1st March 2021



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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to further update you on your child's Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The first group who were due to go on their practice expedition from Friday 4th June 2021 to Saturday 5th June 2021 (pupils in 9B1, 9B2, 9B3, 9C1, 9C2) will now complete this on **Friday 21st May 2021** to **Saturday 22nd May 2021**. The dates listed in the previous letter were sent out before the government had given the timeline for restrictions being lifted. The original dates were based on the latest available weekends possible to try to ensure all expeditions could take place.

However, now that expeditions (according to the government restrictions timeline at present) can take place at an earlier date, we have changed the date of the first practice expedition so that it no longer falls in the half term holiday. This should therefore cause less inconvenience to pupils and parents/guardians. There is no overnight stay for both the Bronze Award practice expeditions and pupils will spend the Friday in school and on the Saturday they will arrive to school at 8am for a day of trekking.

The other below expedition dates will stay the same:

Practice Expedition

- Friday 11th June 2021 – Saturday 12th June 2021 – Pupils in 9C3, 9M1, 9M2, 9M3, 9W1, 9W2, 9W3

Assessed Expeditions - Cannock Chase.

- Friday 18th June 2021 – Saturday 19th June 2021 - Pupils in 9B1, 9B2, 9B3, 9C1, 9C2
- Friday 25th June 2021 – Saturday 26th June 2021 - Pupils in 9C3, 9M1, 9M2, 9M3, 9W1, 9W2, 9W3

On **Monday 8th March 2021** at 3.15pm there is a Microsoft Teams DoFE Bronze Award meeting that your child needs to attend virtually. This will include important information about updating their eDoFE accounts and ensuring they have all the necessary kit for the expeditions.

Please can you remind your child that all pupils must ensure that they must be completing their volunteering, physical and skill sections of their eDoFE account. Each section must also have been approved before June 2021. If your child has not completed these sections by this date, then they will not be able to go on the expeditions (this does not apply to the first practice expedition in May).

The deadline for the remaining balance of £30.00 was due by **Monday 1st March 2021**. There are still some outstanding payments so it has been extended until **Wednesday 10th March 2021**. Please ensure it has been paid by this date otherwise your child will be removed from the expeditions.

If pupils have questions about their award, please ask them to email Sgt Bew. Alternatively, you can contact the school on 0121 366 6600 and ask to speak to Mr Phillips (Deputy Headteacher) or email postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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