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Our Ref: LD/JP/cc/DofE Bronze Award/Year 9

18th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

I write to update you on your child's Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. We are planning for the expeditions to take place on the below dates:

Expedition Dates:

Bronze Group 1 – Pupils in 9B1, 9B2 and 9C1

- Practice Expedition – Friday 29th - Saturday 30th April 2022 – Cannock Chase
- Qualifying Expedition – Friday 13th - Saturday 14th May 2022 – Lickey Hills

Bronze Group 2 – Pupils in 9C2, 9M1, 9M2, 9M3, 9W1 and 9W2

- Practice Expedition – Friday 6th May - Saturday 7th May 2022 – Cannock Chase
- Qualifier Expedition – Friday 20th - Saturday 21st May 2022– Lickey Hills

On the Friday of the practice expedition, pupils will be in school and taught a number of key expedition skills including camp craft, the countryside code, map reading and route planning. All pupils should arrive at school at the normal time in their expedition clothing with all their equipment. Your child will then camp overnight at Beaudesert Campsite, <http://www.beaudesert.org/> and need to be collected from school on the Saturday afternoon at approximately 4pm after a full day of walking on Cannock Chase, where they should have applied all the skills they have learnt the previous day.

Pupils will need to be collected from school at approximately 5pm on the Saturday.

The kit requirements for the expeditions can be found on the below weblink:

<https://www.dofe.org/shopping/dofe-expedition-kit-guide/>

The food requirements for the expeditions can be found on the below weblink:

<https://www.dofe.org/shopping/expedition-kit/expedition-food/>

Please remember that the school will provide cooking equipment and tents for pupils to use.



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Next week, pupils will receive an email from Mr Phillips (Deputy Headteacher) inviting them to join a Microsoft Teams meeting in February 2022. The meeting will provide pupils with information on route planning, volunteering, physical and skills sections, as well as advice for developing their fitness before the expeditions.

All pupils must ensure that they have completed their volunteering, physical and skills sections of their eDofE account. Each section must also have been approved before their assessed expedition. If your child has not completed these sections, then they will not be able to go on the expeditions. It is pivotal that pupils follow the DofE guidelines on their chosen activities and when each section is finished, they upload an assessor's report completed correctly and not by a family member.

For more information, please visit this link: <https://www.dofe.org/assessor/>

The remaining balance of £60.00 is due by Monday 7th February 2022. If this is not paid then your child will not be able to go on the expedition. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, they are not required to pay this.

If pupils have questions about their award, please ask them to email Mr Phillips.

Alternatively, you can contact Mr Phillips by emailing postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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