



Dear parents,

Please find below the overview for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Qualifying Expedition. Please note the staggered arrival times that have been organised to avoid overcrowding at the start location.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide transport from Farmor's School so drop off and pick up does rely on parents or organising lift sharing. This is due to the number of participants involved and a condition in our COVID system of control when signing off the trip.

The qualifying expedition will **consist of two walking days with no overnight stay**. The expedition will take place from **Friday 14th May- Saturday 15th May 2021**.

Additional COVID strategies have been put in place, to ensure the expedition can meet all the requirements whilst maintaining a safe environment:

- The expedition will consist of 2 walking days. As it is local- pupils will not be required to stay overnight- **they would be picked up in the evening and returned the next morning**. They will, therefore, always be outside during their expedition. *Please see attached document on more specific details including timings and location of the expedition.*
- Pupils will remain in year group 'bubbles' and be asked to social distance the best they can with members of the public & staff.
- Pupils will still be required to arrive at the campsite and put up and tent (*even though they won't be sleeping in them*) & cook their dinner using camping equipment as this is a requirement of the expedition.
- When cooking- pupils will be advised to purchase 'boil in the bag' meals, this means they can eat straight out of the pouch with their own utensil. *Additional Trangias will be provided if necessary, to reduce any sharing of cooking implements.*
- At the campsite students will be directed to hand washing stations and sanitiser.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss E Coote

(Duke of Edinburgh Awards Manager)



Drop off Friday 14th May

- Teams **1 to 5** please arrive for **08:30am**
- Teams **6 to 10** please arrive for **09:00am**
- Teams **11-17**, please arrive for **09:30am**

Location: Barbury Castle Country Park.

The park lies about three miles south-west of Chiseldon. From the M4 Junction 15 follow the A346 towards Marlborough until you see signs for Chiseldon. Then follow signs for Barbury Castle. Grid Reference SU 157 761. Post Code: SN4 0QH. **SAT NAVS can take you off the road onto a muddy track, so please beware** (*The park lies about three miles south-west of Chiseldon. From the M4 Junction 15 follow the A346 towards Marlborough until you see signs for Chiseldon. Then follow signs for Barbury Castle.*)

If you type ‘Barbury Castle Car Park’ into google maps the correct location will come up.

Collection Friday 14th May

We will ask the pupils to contact you an hour before they are ready for collection. Pending their pace and efficiency trekking and cooking, they will be ready for collection between 5 and 8pm from: **The Lake, H5 Adventure, Thornhill, Royal Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, SN4 7RZ.**

If you search Google Maps for ‘H5 Adventure’, then the red pointer is exactly on our entrance.

Drop off Saturday 15th May

- Teams **1 to 5** please arrive for **08:30am**
- Teams **6 to 10** please arrive for **09:00am**
- Teams **11-17**, please arrive for **09:30am**

Location: The Lake, H5 Adventure, as above, collection on 14th May.

Collection Saturday 15th May

We will ask the pupils to contact you an hour before they are ready for collection. Pending their pace and efficiency trekking, from 2 to 4pm at Barbury Castle Country Park, as above, location of drop off on 14th May.

If you do not bring all equipment, i.e., waterproofs, drinking water, etc. then we may not allow you to complete your Expedition due to safety issues.

All pupils should bring all equipment as if they would be camping. Even though The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award has allowed Expeditions without camping they still expect them to carry everything and cooking an evening meal. However, use common sense, for example, if there are items you do not have for camping, then do not purchase them, i.e., a sleeping bag, just pack a few other clothes instead.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Kit List

Remember you receive a discount when you use your DofE participant card in some outdoor stores.

You are expected to pack for the expedition as if you are staying over night to keep it as 'normal' to the requirements as possible.

ESSENTIALS

Packed it	Items
	Expedition Rucksack (65 litre recommended)
	1 pair walking boots (broken in)
	2 pairs walking socks
	1 t-shirt
	1 fleece tops or similar
	1 pair of walking trousers (warm, NOT jeans)
	Underwear
	Sun Cream
	Waterproof over-trousers
	Jacket/coat (waterproof & windproof)
	FOOD- 1x lunch per day & 1x dinner ('boil in the bag' meals advised e.g. brands such as; wayfayrer or trekmates) & any additional snacks.
	2 litres of water
	Sleeping bag
	1 torch
	Any Essential Personal Medication
	Cutlery: knife, fork, spoon
	Plate/bowl/mug (not essential to have all; think about what food you are bringing and what is necessary).
	Matches, in a zip lock bag- you will only need one box per group!

RECOMMENDED

Packed it	Items
	1 thermal t-shirt (optional but extra layers are required if cold)
	Pair of shorts (if appropriate)
	Warm hat &/or Sun Hat (if appropriate)
	Watch
	Hand Sanitiser
	Personal hygiene products e.g. baby wipes, deodorant, toothpaste (organise with your group to share for less weight)
	Toilet paper (sealed in a ziplock bag- organise with your group to share).
	Dishwashing products (organise with your group to share for less weight).
	1 roll of bin bags (organise 1 roll per group to share weight)

OPTIONAL

Packed it	Items
	Notebook & pen/pencil
	Personal first aid & Blisters
	Camera
	Insect Repellent (Advisable in nice weather and near water)
	Sunglasses

Remember to leave some room to distribute the following group kit amongst your team on the first day (this is all provided by H5):

Although you are not staying overnight this kit will still be distributed between your group to carry throughout the day as you would if the expedition is running normally. This is a compulsory requirement of the qualifying expedition.

Penknives are not necessary for Bronze level; please can these be left at home.

Items:
Tent (s)
Trangia (s)
Camping stove fuel in an appropriate & safe container
Cooking pans
Maps (1:50 000/1:25 000)
Compass(es)
Map cases
Emergency contact card
Whistle
Reflective vests

Mobile phone are permitted but with limited use- Information on the use of mobile phones can be found in the letter.

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