



Birchwood High School

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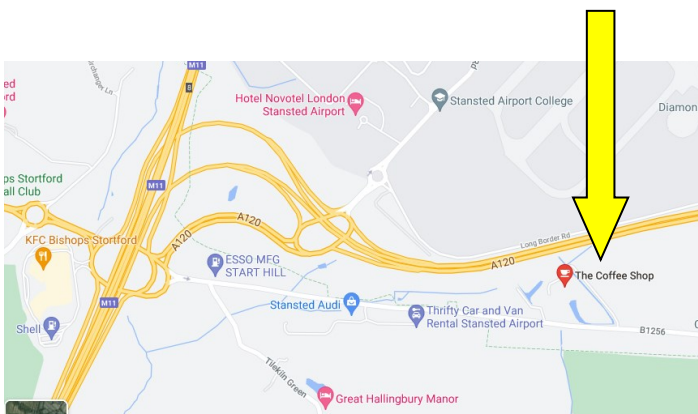
22nd March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

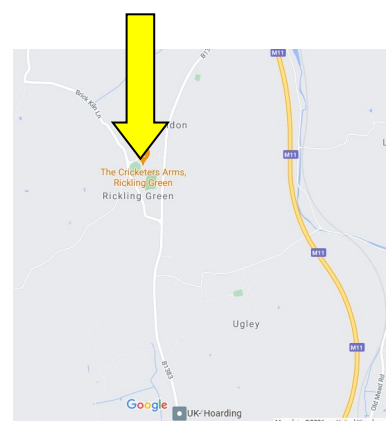
Your child enrolled in the DofE Bronze Award and I am pleased to enclose information about their DofE Bronze Expedition, which will take place on the Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th May 2024 with Mr Loveday, Miss LaLonge and supporting staff.

Participants will need to be at Thremill Priory Café Car Park, CM22 7WE at 9.00am on 18th May 2024. **It is advisable that students share lifts, as space within the carpark is limited.** The carpark has a camera, so parents may want to drop students on the road to the carpark. If you are going in to the coffee shop will need to leave your registration. Participants should be ready for collection on Sunday 19th May at about 4pm from Rickling Green CB11 3YG. As with all walking expeditions it is difficult to gauge the exact time groups will arrive back at the meeting point therefore some groups maybe back slightly later if they encounter navigational difficulty. We will ensure you get a phone call about 30-60minutes before groups finish their expeditions.

Start Point
CM22 7WE



Finish Point
CB11 3YG



We are camping at Birchwood High School and will be walking around the local area. Should an emergency arise, I will have the school DofE mobile with me and can be contacted on 07340 002035, though please be aware that students phones will be turned off during the expeditions.

Training sessions have been taking place at D of E club every Friday since November 2023 .

Students are required to provide their own food for the weekend. They will need lunch for both days, an evening meal on Saturday and a breakfast for the Sunday. In our session's we will have discussed nutrition and food suggestions, though I would reiterate that students will be burning many calories and that Pot Noodles do not constitute a meal! Please note that students are not allowed to wear jeans and that any mobiles, smartwatches, iPod or similar are brought at their own risk and should be turned off and not be used either when walking or when at the campsite. Generally, the lighter their rucksack is the more enjoyable they will find their expedition.

It is perhaps also worth mentioning that this trip will involve participants working as a team to complete their goal during the expedition. The groups will operate independently with remote supervision for large parts of their expedition.

Please be aware that in order for students to participate in the assessment expedition they must have started all of their sections on the eDofE website and have uploaded evidence to prove their participation in activities relating to each section. Any issues around this notify Mr Loveday or Miss LaLonge as soon as possible.

The cost to take part in this visit will be £40 and payment should be made using our ParentPay system on or before Friday 26th April 2024. This is the total cost of the visit and includes fuel and equipment hire costs. Please note that should students lose or damage any of the equipment they are borrowing they are required to replace the equipment with the exact replica. Please contact jyoung@birchwoodhigh.org.uk if you require your Parentpay login detail.

Please also confirm attendance by giving consent using the below link:

If you have any questions or concerns about the expedition please feel free to email me rloveday@birchwoodhigh.org.uk

Yours sincerely

R Loveday

D of E Coordinator



C LaLonge

Deputy D of E Coordinator

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