



# Birchwood High School

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29 April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We are very close to leaving England and heading to Wales for the Gold Duke of Edinburgh practice. Information to know is below.

We are asking that students meet us at the minibus by the sports hall for 3.30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Base camp is located here:

Newcourt Farm Campsite, Felindre, Three Cocks, Brecon LD3 0SS Phone: 01497 847285 or Email: [info@newcourt-campsite.co.uk](mailto:info@newcourt-campsite.co.uk)

**The mobile phone number to reach in emergencies is: 07852 598623.**

Students will have zero access to their phones from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July morning until the end of the practice expedition on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, hopefully around 5 pm. We will be arriving back to the school Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July between 9 and 10pm if all goes well with traffic.

Students will need to bring enough food for Tuesday to Saturday and will have an opportunity to purchase food from our external providers (I.C.Y) when we arrive if required. Money will be needed to purchase food, either from the services, shop or from those running the expedition.

Students will need to have a second bag that they can put their belongings into, that they are not taking with them on the expedition. Clothing for the Saturday can be stored in these bags, this way they can bring a second set to take with them on the expedition and return in dry clothes on the Saturday.

Students will be provided with the below:

- Tents
- Cooking equipment
- Group First Aid
- Roll mats
- Gas
- Rucksack
- Emergency group shelter

Students will need to bring with them the below:

- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Walking boots/shoes ideally goretex or equivalent
- Food
- Sleeping bag
- Blister plasters
- Other clothing

Please ensure that you have gone through the DofE guide for Kit, which can be found on the website. The cost for this trip is £300 and can be paid through ParentPay, please email me Mrs Young for log in details – [jyoung@birchwoodhigh.org.uk](mailto:jyoung@birchwoodhigh.org.uk). Please pay by 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

The D of E Gold assessment expedition in Snowdonia will be between Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September and further details will be sent later this term.



Thank you  
Kind regards

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D of E Award Co-ordinators

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