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Dear Parent/Carer

I'm pleased to be writing to you to give you further details of our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) Provision for students in Year 9.

The Expedition section involves your young person completing a weekend hike across the countryside of Somerset. In order to prepare our young people for the expeditions, we are holding a training weekend at school on 16 and 17 March 2024. These will be two mornings, and will **not** involve an overnight stay.

Saturday 16 March 2024

Students will meet in school at 9:30 and will be on site until 12:30. We will provide them with an information booklet, and teach them the skills they will need to successfully complete their expeditions. This will involve learning how to cook using our camping stoves, put up tents, efficiently pack a ruck sack and some navigation skills. We will also discuss how to effectively work as a team on the expeditions. Each group will be issued with tents, cooking stoves, maps, and navigation equipment by us.

Sunday 17 March 2024

We will be meeting at BASC and taking a walk through the countryside to practice our teamwork, hiking and navigation skills. Please ensure you dress for the weather, and if there is any extreme weather forecast for the weekend we will reassess closer to the day. We will meet at 10:00 and walk until 13:00. Please ensure you bring a bottle or two of water and a rucksack to carry any of your belongings in. *Please note that we may be back a little later than 13:00, we will ensure that your young person stays in contact.* Students will be able to bring a mobile phone, however we ask that they do not use it whilst walking.

Participants will only complete the award if they complete their Assessment Expedition, if you cannot attend for any reason please speak to Mr Swaine urgently (rswaine@tkasa.org.uk).

Yours faithfully

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