

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Trips 2015

February 2015

Dear Parent

This letter contains detailed information about arrangements for all the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award trips for this coming season.

I would be grateful if you could complete and return the permission slip to Pupil Services by the end of February.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that travel arrangements are by your own organisation for each trip. It is very important that candidates arrive on time for each event and that pick-up arrangements are understood please.

### Event 1 – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Recreation Ground, Winterslow.

**Event** Orienteering and Bases Competition.

**Please note** collection time is only an estimate as team's navigational accuracy and walking speed may vary.

Teams	Start	Finish		Teams	Start	Finish
Ash	09:00	13:00 approx		Elm	09:40	13:40 approx
Birch	09:00	13:00 approx		Fir	09:40	13:40 approx
Cedar	09:20	13:20 approx		Gorse	10:00	14:00 approx
Damson	09:20	13:20 approx		Holly	10:00	14:00 approx

**Pick-up/Drop-off point:**

Winterslow Recreation Ground, opposite Winterslow Primary school  
**SP5 1RD (Postcode for SAT NAV)**

**Equipment – all pupils should:**

- bring a day sack with packed lunch and drink.
- waterproofs
- wear walking boots and bring clean trainers and a plastic bag to carry their dirty boots in on the return journey.
- wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions assuming they will be outside during the entire event. Pupils must **not wear jeans** as these are not suitable for walking in.

**Event 2 – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Test Valley School – Room 1**

**Event** - Expedition Portfolio & Training.

Teams	Start	Cooked meal	Finish		Teams	Start	Cooked meal	Finish
Ash	08:00	11:00	12:30		Elm	10:00	13:00	14:30
Birch	08:30	11:30	13:00		Fir	10:30	13:30	15:00
Cedar	09:00	12:00	13:30		Gorse	11:00	14:00	15:30
Damson	09:30	12:30	14:00		Holly	11:30	14:30	16:00

**Equipment**

All food is provided. Teams will cook a meal and eat it as part of the training.

Casual clothing may be worn

**Pick-up/Drop-off point:** Test Valley School - all teams start in Room 1 please.

Event 3	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Cadman's Pool - New Forest - SO43
<p><b>Event:</b> Practice Expedition</p> <p><b>Pick-up/ Drop off Point:</b></p> <p>- Cadman's Pool Car Park, New Forest</p> <p><b>Times:</b> 11:00 Sat. until 16:00 Sun. Collection times will vary!</p> <p><b>Directions:</b> Please see map provided.</p>		<p><b>Transport;</b></p> <p>Transport is not provided for this trip. Please arrange for your child to be dropped off and collected.</p> <p><b>Equipment;</b></p> <p>An extensive list has been attached. It is important that all items listed are provided for the expeditions.</p>

<b>Event 4</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>New Forest. (various starting locations)</b>
<b>Event:</b>	Assessed Expedition.	<b>Transport</b>
<b>Pick-up/ Drop-off:</b>	Each team will start and finish in a different location.	Transport is not provided for this trip. Please arrange for your child to be dropped off and collected. Please note most teams will have a separate drop-off and pick-up point.
<b>Times:</b>	Approximate times are:  11:00 Sat. until 16:00 Sun  Times will vary!	<b>Equipment</b>
<b>Directions:</b>	To follow with times.	An extensive list has been attached. It is important that all items listed are provided for the expeditions.

### **Further Details**

**Supervision** – Pupils will be trained by adults with a minimum of ‘Duke of Edinburgh’s Bronze Trainer’ qualification on a ratio of between 1:4 and 1:7 when in the New Forest.

Staff attending these trips will include :- Mrs Briggs, Mrs Osborne, Mr Fenton, Mr Holmes, Mr Allen, Mr Voce, Mrs Moulton, Mr Norgate, Mr Maber (volunteer), and myself.

**Costs** – Costs, which have already been paid, include camp fees, activity charges, sundry items to support training activities, assessor fees, emergency transport vehicle hire charge and equipment wear and tear. (All staff are unpaid volunteers).

**Programme & Activities** – The orienteering and bases competition combines refining navigation skills with expeditions skills taught and tested at each base in a competitive way.

The training day provides an opportunity to plan routes for the Assessed Expedition and other portfolio requirements in preparation for each team’s assessor to view prior to the Assessment itself.

Prior to the Practice Expedition there will be a kit issue and an extensive ‘full’ kit check in school, requiring the kit to be verified and weighed.

The Practice Expedition is a two day experience which will run as similarly to the Assessed Expedition as possible. Teams will be dropped at a point in the forest and walk (carrying all their kit on their backs) to the campsite 12km – 17km. Teams will walk without direct supervision as soon as their trainer feels confident that they are able to do so. At the camp site teams will erect their tents, cook their own food (main meal & breakfast) and eat it! Teams will pack-up their camp the following morning and carry all their kit and navigate another 12km– 17km where they will be collected and taken home.

During the Assessed Expedition teams should know exactly what to expect as the weekend will run similarly to the practice expedition with the exception of an Assessor checking them at various stages and the route being unfamiliar (in a different part of the New Forest to which they have been trained).

\* Please note pupils are not able to take part in the Assessed Expedition unless they have completed all the training.

**Moodle** - I will endeavour to put as much information as possible onto Moodle to ensure that candidates and their parents have an alternative form of access to the data.

If you should need to contact me during these activities for any reason, the number you can contact me on is 07842 116814.

May I remind you that we look to celebrate the expedition experience with a team presentation to parents on Tuesday 2nd June from 18.30 to 19.15pm.

May I also bring to you attention that in order to complete the award pupils must upload their plans, information, images and comments as soon as possible as we expect pupils to be fully committed to completing their award. Help with this can be found on Moodle in the 'Extra-Curricular' section within 'Duke of Edinburgh's Award' (a document entitled 'Getting Started with the eDofE').

If there is anything else you would like to know please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Langdown  
(DofE Coordinator)

**EVENT 3**

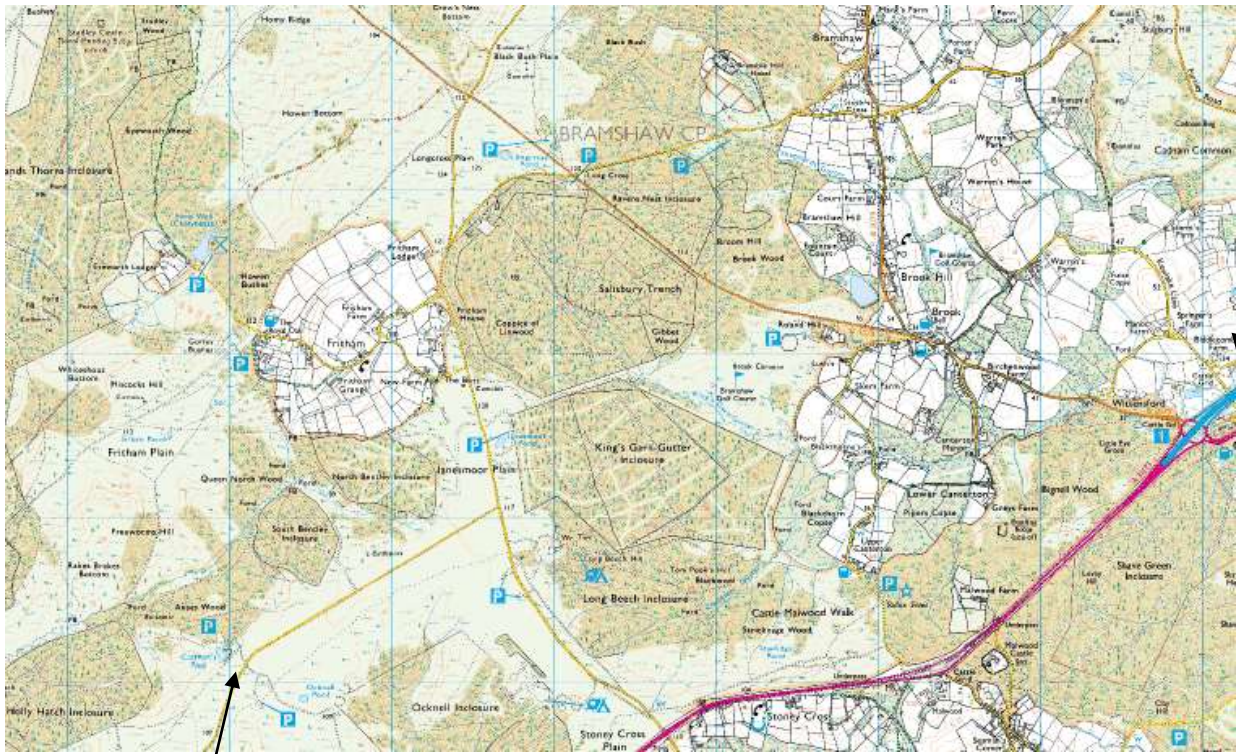
**Location of Pick-up / Drop-off point**

**Cadman's Pool**

Please note; it is not possible to exit the A31 West bound to Stoney Cross as it is a dual carriageway.

Sat nav. coordinates 50°54'29" N 01°40'22" W  
Ordnance survey coordinates SU 232 122

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**Cadman's Pool (SO43)**

**Drop-off - 11 a.m. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Pick-up - approximately 3pm - 4p.m. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

### Equipment List for EVENTS 3 & 4

This page is provided to help you with forward planning and to enable you to spread the cost of any necessary purchase should you wish to. The portfolio training day will be used to plan the finer details of who will carry what and how.

#### **Personal Kit**

Walking Boots + spare lightweight shoes for campsite	
Thick Socks	
Waterproofs	
Complete change of clothing	
Sleeping bag	
Roll Mat	
Torch + spare bulb and batteries	
Pad & pencil	
Sun cream (weather dependant)	
Mosquito cream	
White T shirt (to reflect the sun if it is very hot)	
Eating equipment (knife, fork, plate, cup etc)	
Food from menu planner, packed lunches	
Energy food for the journey	
1 litre of drink	
Warm jumper & fleece	
Stranded ration pack (must not be eaten)	
Personal first aid kit – plasters, pain killers + personal medication	
Snack food for late evening	
Sun hat or warm hat & gloves (weather dependent)	
Keeping Track Record Book	

#### **Team Equipment (team members to share)**

Tea Towel	
Matches	
Dish Cloth	
Washing up Liquid	
Rubbish Bag	
Brillo & Scourer	
Whistle	

#### **Team Equipment (supplied by the school)**

Tent Inner	
Tent Outer	
Tent Pegs & Poles	
Trangia	
Gas	
First Aid Kit	
Survival Bag	
Map & Compass	
Maps & Route Cards	

Main meal food must be food which can be cooked on a Trangia. We strongly recommend lightweight & boil in the bag foods which provide a substantial meal. (Pot noodles are not acceptable please).

Electronic equipment is not within the ethos of DofE and therefore should not be brought on the expeditions. Mobile phones are an exception for emergency purposes but must be switched off if carried on the assessed venture. Many Assessors forbid their use during the assessed expedition.

Reply slip – Please sign both the permission slip (top) **and** the Code of Conduct (bottom)

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**Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Trips - Please return to Pupil Services**

I give permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ T/G\_\_\_\_\_

to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Trips as described in the letter dated February 2015.

If your child’s medical details or your contact data have changed since you have signed the annual medical form please can you provide the relevant details below.

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Signed (parent)..... Date.....

Please print name.....

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**Signature/s of Understanding**

I/We have read and fully understand the contents of this Code of Conduct Document and agree to be fully bound by the terms and conditions laid down.

**TO BE RETURNED TO PUPIL SERVICES**

Name of the trip .....

Name of pupil.....Form.....

Pupil signature.....Date.....

Parent signature.....Date.....