



13 May 2019

Dear Parent

**Duke of Edinburgh Award Practise Weekend Saturday 18 May – Sunday 19 May 2019**

Please find enclosed the final instructions and contact details for the forthcoming DofE practice weekend.

**ONE WEEK BEFORE: Friday 10 May, 3:05pm – School Theatre – Equipment Check**

Please bring your rucksacks (fully packed with what you intend to take on the expedition). Also bring with you boots, socks, waterproofs and sleeping bags to be checked by DofE staff to make sure they are fit for purpose. Remember you will be expected to carry everything including cooking equipment and tents (which we give you) so pack light. You will need to provide your own food and utensils and walking gear. Any medicines must be packed. e.g. hay fever tablets, painkillers.

The purpose of this check is to ensure comfort and safety before the weekend.

You may bring your bag into school in the morning and it will be locked away until after school.

**Saturday 18 May**

Students to be **dropped off by parents** at **9am** at:  
**Bakewell Cattle Market** in **Bakewell. DE45 1AH**. It is off the A6 (Haddon Road)

Packed lunch needs to be brought with you to the start.  
Please ensure that your boots, socks, waterproofs and sleeping bags are fit for purpose. Please remember it will be slightly cooler at this time of year so an extra thermal may be useful but please do not add too much weight.

**Sunday 19 May**

Students to be **collected by parents** at **2:30pm prompt**  
**Bakewell Cattle Market** in **Bakewell. DE45 1AH**.

*Please remember students and volunteers will be tired so please plan enough time to arrive promptly for your child's pick up. Could I suggest organising shared drop-offs and pick-ups where possible.*

**Contact details of Staff on Expedition**

Ian Holliday (leader and trained assessor)	07977 040088
Charlotte Blyth/Sarah Pollard (emergency contact and dofe manager)	07939 817704
Dave Marriott (assessor)	07913 806145



**Campsite address:**

Mandale Campsite  
Mandale Farm  
Haddon Grove  
Bakewell  
Derbyshire  
DE45 1JF

May we ask you to keep contact to a minimum during the weekend, however if you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to ask.

Finally, we are short of parent volunteers to give out water at check points. Please do contact me on [s.pollard@theacademycarlton.org](mailto:s.pollard@theacademycarlton.org) or 07763 711622 if you are willing to give up any time to come and assist us on one or both of the days. You will need a car and we will provide you with water carriers and maps and will help you with navigation should you need it. We will also issue you with tracking information to your mobiles so that you can track the students.

**Also, a reminder of the dates for the Qualifying Expedition: Saturday July 20 and Sunday 21 July . Details of this will follow.**

Yours sincerely

*S Pollard*

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