



Our Lady's Catholic High School

A National Teaching School

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Duke of Edinburgh Award

Dear Parent/Carer

The Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition is taking place from Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July. Due to the number of students involved there will be two sessions this weekend, Group 1 Friday-Saturday and Group 2 Saturday-Sunday. Your child knows which group they are in. A kit list is attached to help students plan for the expedition. A number of students still need to acquire a pair of walking boots (which must have ankle support-not walking trainers); this should be done as soon as possible so that they can walk them in to avoid blisters.

Group 1 itinerary Friday 30th June – Saturday 1st July.

Students should come to school dressed to take part in the expedition as we will be leaving promptly after lesson 1. They must bring all school books and equipment for period 1. On Friday we will leave school and travel to Garstang Information Centre with Redline Coaches to begin the practice expedition. Students will camp at Guys Farm and continue their expedition on Saturday.

Parents are to pick up students at 12.30pm on Saturday 1st July from Guys Farm (map attached-it is tricky to find so please leave plenty of time!); we would encourage students to share lifts.

Group 2 itinerary Saturday 1st July-Sunday 2nd July.

Parents to drop students off at Guys Farm on Saturday 1st July at 1pm (map attached-it is tricky to find so please leave plenty of time!); we would encourage students to share lifts. Students will begin their practice expedition on the Saturday and camp at Guys Farm Saturday Night. They will continue their practice on the Sunday. Students will be brought back to school via Redline coaches for 3pm on Sunday.

All students must attend the meeting on Thursday 29th June 3.30-4.30 to have their kit checked and Monday 3rd July 3.30-5pm to sort out and clean the group kit. **Failure to attend will void their practice expedition.**

Pupils have been informed that mobile phones and personal music players are not allowed on the expedition. If they are found on pupils they will fail this element of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Pupils will be allowed to take one emergency mobile phone per group which will be turned off and sealed in an envelope.

In the case of an emergency the following numbers can be used to contact members of staff;

Guys Farm: 01524 791276

Staff mobile number: 07756920028

May I remind you that students must continue to work on the other three sections of the Award (Skill, Physical and Volunteering). Two of the sections must be done once a week for 3 months and one of the sections once a week for 6 months. Can I also remind you of the date of the assessed expedition which is 15th-17th September and will follow the same format but will be based at Waddecarr. All students must be available to attend this weekend.

Many thanks for your support, if you have any questions regarding the expedition then do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Kind Regards,

Miss McNeela