

Our Lady's Catholic High School

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Headteacher: Mr R Charnock

Being One of Ours

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Assessment Expedition Weekend (11th–13th September)

We are writing to provide you with final details regarding your child's Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award assessment expedition, which will take place over the weekend of **11th - 13th September**. Students have been split into two groups and should already be aware of their group – this may have changed from the practice expedition. Please ask your child to check padlet during form time to confirm which group they are in and which days they will be attending.

Compulsory Kit Check – Thursday 10th September

A full kit list is attached; please ensure your child is fully equipped, particularly with **walking boots and waterproofs**.

All students must attend a kit check session on Thursday 10th September from 3:00–4pm with **all** of their kit. Failure to attend this session will result in your child being unable to complete the assessment expedition. Students may leave their bag in the gym before form time on Thursday Morning.

We will provide pupils with expedition rucksacks, tents and stove. If you wish to buy your own rucksack, then it must be above 60-75L in size and have a waterproof cover.

Group A Itinerary: Friday 11th – Saturday 12th September

- Students should come to school dressed and ready to take part in the expedition.
- They will attend Period 1 as normal and leave school at 10:20am.
- They will travel to Beacon Fell with Tyrers Coaches and begin their expedition.
- Students will camp at Cobble Hey Farm (PR3 0QN) and continue their route on Saturday.
- Parents are to collect students at 1:00pm on Saturday 7th September from Cobble Hey Farm. We encourage car-sharing where possible.

Group B Itinerary: Saturday 11th – Sunday 12th September

- Parents are to drop students off at Cobble Hey Farm (PR3 0QN) at 12:15pm on Saturday 11th September. We encourage car-sharing where possible.
- Students will begin their assessment and camp overnight at Cobble Hey Farm.
- The expedition continues on Sunday.
- Students will return to school via Tyrers Coaches, arriving at approximately 3pm on Sunday 7th September.



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Mobile Phones and Music Players

Mobile phones and personal music devices are **not allowed**. One emergency phone per group will be permitted, turned off and sealed in an envelope.

Emergency Contact Information

- **Cobble Hey:** 01995 602643
- **School Mobile:** 07308220132

Medical and Behaviour Expectations

If your child's medical information has changed since their form was submitted, please inform us as soon as possible.

Please note that the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is run by staff and volunteers, and your child's behaviour is expected to be respectful, responsible, and cooperative at all times. **Disruptive behaviour or failure to follow health and safety instructions may result in your child being withdrawn from the Award and sent home.**

Assessor Reports

Over the coming weeks, students should ensure they complete the Physical, Volunteering, and Skills sections by asking their assessors to fill in their reports and uploading them to their eDofE account.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Damage to kit

If there is any damage to kit due to lack of care, then the cost to repair/replace any kit will be split between the team.

For any overnight event, camp or off-site activity, parents/carers must be contactable at all times.

By allowing your child to attend, you are agreeing to:

- Remain available by phone for the duration of the event;
- Be in a fit and able condition to collect your child promptly in the event of illness, behaviour issues, or emergency (this includes not consuming alcohol to a level that would prevent safe travel);
- Provide an alternative emergency contact if you will be out of range or unavailable.
- If a young person needs to be collected, volunteers' decisions are final and must be respected. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all young people and volunteers onsite.

Please get in touch with the DofE Team at school if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support as we prepare for this exciting and rewarding challenge.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Thompson

Teacher of Mathematics